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**Close ... call**

Survivors Boswirtha and Werner Labrens shortly after being rescued from the stricken Soviet cruise ship Maxim Gorky. The disabled Soviet liner was limping to port yesterday amid allegations it had been sailing too fast. (Reuter wirephoto)

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**Baathist ill**

BAGHDAD, June 21, (Reuter): Pioneer Arab nationalist Michel Aflaq, who founded the Baath Party 42 years ago, underwent a heart operation in France this month, the party's Iraqi wing disclosed.

He is suffering from post-surgery complications of the lungs but is in stable condition in a Paris hospital, the party said.

**Inensitive**

MILWAUKEE, June 21, (AP): Brewery employees drove a jittery Vietnam veteran over the edge by making sudden loud noises so they could watch him throw himself to the floor, a panel ruled in awarding him \$86,000 in worker's compensation.

Co-workers at Miller Brewing Co. learned John E. Beverly, 42, had been diagnosed as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, including an exaggerated startle reaction.

From 1981 to 1983, co-workers dropped tables, broke beer bottles, dropped heavy equipment from forklifts, popped empty milk cartons and paper cups and set off fireworks.

**Address**

ISLAMABAD, June 21, (AP): PLO chief Yasser Arafat is to address Pakistan's National Assembly on Saturday, the official news agency said Wednesday.

**Paid back**

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, June 21, (AP): A preacher is spending a month on orders from a judge in the rat- and roach-infested apartment he rented to a disabled man and his six-year-old quadriplegic daughter.

**Mindanao plans**

RIYADH, June 21, (AP): Filipino Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus today urged Muslim rebels in Mindanao and other southern regions in the Philippines to unite and negotiate their demands with the Manila government.

Addressing a news conference at the end of his three-day visit to Saudi Arabia, Manglapus said that he hoped the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference would support the Organic Act, a settlement proposal put forth by the Philippines' President, Mrs Corazon Aquino.

Manglapus urged the rebels, including the Moro National Liberation Front which leads the secessionist movement in Mindanao, to negotiate on the basis of the Organic Act, which gives the Muslims limited freedom short of their aspirations for a full autonomy.

He explained that about 25 percent of the Muslim population of the southern Philippines had been assimilated throughout the country and the question of autonomy in Mindanao could now be discussed at the negotiating table.



**Filipino protest**

A student demonstrator is hauled off to a van after police broke up a rally by about 3,000 Filipino students protesting against tuition fee increases. Eighteen people were arrested yesterday and 10 hurt in protests around Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Three executed despite protests

Bush orders China sanctions

BELJING, June 21, (Agencies): Shanghai authorities today executed three men convicted of setting a train on fire during student-led protests, and 17 people reportedly received death sentences in the northeast city of Jinan.

Western governments expressed revulsion today at China's execution of three demonstrators, and three states urged the European Economic Community to review relations with Beijing.

US President Bush yesterday ordered sanctions to tighten diplomatic and financial pressure on China.

The three were shot to death in front of a crowd today afternoon, one day after Shanghai's highest court rejected their appeals of the death penalty, a spokesman at the Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office said.

He said he did not know other details.

Shanghai Radio, in announcing the court's decision, said: "There are no legal reasons for mitigating the punishment of Xu Guoming, Bian Hanwu and Yan Xuerong."



**25 years in a shed**

## Man who cried lonely

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 21, (Reuter): Police in northern Brazil have rescued a man from a filthy three-square-metre (32-square-foot) cell where his father kept him locked up for 25 years.

When found, the 33-year-old was underfed, could not walk or talk and behaved like an animal, a police officer said by telephone from the town of Jaboatao near Recife.

"It was filthy in there, hellish," said the officer who took the prisoner out of his cell.

Gilson Cicero da Silva had not left the wooden and corrugated iron cell with a dirt floor for 25 years. Neighbours told police that farm worker Manoel Cicero da Silva had locked his son up when he was eight years old, believing he was mentally ill.

"If he wasn't, after 25 years in prison, he is now," the police officer said. Gilson was examined by a doctor and is being cared for in a state mental institution.

Police heard about the clandestine cell in an anonymous letter from a neighbour.

"The neighbours knew about it. When it was cold he would make noise," said a police officer.

Before Manoel died in 1975, he asked a retired couple to look after his son.

Amaro Imidio da Silva and Maria das Prazeres Anacleto, kept him in his cell and fed him cereals and eggs passed through a peephole.

Xu and Yan, who were workers and Bian, who was unemployed, set fire to the train on June 6 after it ran through a barricade set up by protesters, killing six people. The three were sentenced Thursday but appealed.

The United States and other Western governments had appealed for clemency for the three and eight people in Beijing also sentenced to death for their roles in the nationwide student protests for a freer, less corrupt society.

The US deeply regrets China's execution of three men but the administration is not considering additional sanctions against Beijing, Secretary of State James Baker said today in Washington.

"There is an important relationship which we should preserve if we possibly can," Baker told reporters.

"That is a consideration that must be taken on board when we consider what specific actions" should be taken.

"We deeply regret the fact that these executions have gone forward, notwithstanding appeals from the United States ... for clemency," Baker said.

Britain and Australia condemned China after the executions were carried out today. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke also said they discussed steps against China during a meeting this morning in London.

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## Soviets blame Islam

## Unity bid fires Uzbek unrest

reported injured.

It said 528 people, mostly women and children, had fled Novy Uzen for cities in the northern Caucasus.

Dmitri Selyeznev, spokesman for the Soviet Interior Ministry in Moscow, said about 100 people had camped in tents in front of the local Communist Party headquarters in Novy Uzen to demand that people from the Caucasus be expelled from the area.

Most of the 99 people who died in 10 days of bloody clashes earlier this month in Fergana, Kokand and surrounding areas of Uzbekistan were Mestians.

The government newspaper Izvestia said four people died in clashes between various nationalities in the oil and gas centre of Novy Uzen, but it was not clear which the fourth death had occurred.

Analysts said Gorbachev may have been hoping to dissuade Tehran from stoking unrest among the Soviet Union's Muslims, estimated at between 30 and 40 million, when he invited Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to Moscow.

Neighbours found Rassoul last evening lying

LONDON, June 21, (UPI): The Scotsman newspaper said today investigators have conclusive evidence that Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command bombed a jetliner over Scotland Dec. 21, killing 270 people.

In an article published six months after the tragedy, the Edinburgh newspaper said: "The elite police team hunting the Lockerbie bombers has now assembled evidence which conclusively confirms the perpetrators of Britain's largest mass murder as the extremist Palestinian splinter group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Com-

mand."

Other publications, citing unnamed sources, also have claimed Pan Am flight 103, en route from Frankfurt, West Germany, to New York with a stopover in London, was bombed by the PFLP-GC. All 259 people aboard, plus 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland, were killed.

"Although the group and the motive of a revenge attack for the shooting down of an Iranian civil airliner last July by a United States warship have been officially canvassed before, it is only now that the investigators are certain they have identified the group responsible for the strok," the Scotsman said.

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**Ascot hat track**

CANDY Grant looks through a peek-a-boo red hat at the first day of Royal Ascot, England, keeping the sun off her face on one of the hottest days of the year so far. Fashionably dressed race goers sweltered at the opening Tuesday of the four-day meeting, and more than 50 collapsed in the heat, first-aid workers said.

On the hottest June day for 13 years, at 88 degrees Fahrenheit (31 degrees Celsius), the champagne stalls were extra busy. The price of a bottle ranged from £15 to £45 (\$33 to \$70), according to brand.

Half a lobster was £10 (\$15.50), a helping of salmon £8

(\$12.40) and strawberries and clotted cream £2 (\$3.10). Queen Elizabeth II, in a pink and turquoise floral silk crepe dress and straw hat, strolled through the crowds.

Rules barring anyone under age 16 in the royal enclosure until Friday, the last day, were broken to admit the Queen's eight-year-old granddaughter, Zara Phillips, daughter of Princess Anne and described by one reporter as "already horse mad." (Reuter wirephoto)

See Royal Ascot horse races

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## Soviets may arm Iran

IAEA chief in Tehran

## Eye on N-energy

NICOSIA, June 21, (AP): Hans Blix, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, arrived in Tehran today for talks with Iranian leaders on developing nuclear energy, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Blix's week-long visit came amid renewed efforts by Tehran to reactivate its nuclear energy programme following last August's ceasefire in the eight-year war with Iraq.

There have been persistent reports that after the Gulf war erupted, the Iranians, who had earlier disclaimed any interest in nuclear technology, sought to reactivate a nuclear weapons programme launched before the 1979 Islamic revolution.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said Blix headed a delegation of senior officials of the Vienna-based United Nations-affiliated organisation.

The Iranian agency quoted him as saying when he arrived at Tehran's Mehrabad airport that his agency and Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation had co-operated on projects in recent years.

IRNA said he voiced the hope that "suitable grounds" could be found for "mutual co-operation in the future."

The agency did not give any details of what Blix will discuss with Atomic Energy Organisation director Reza Amrohali and other Iranian officials.

But IAEA spokesman James Dalgleish said in a telephone interview from Vienna that Blix's visit was "primarily diplomatic and there is no specific purpose, such as revitalising Iran's nuclear facilities."

The Iranians are seeking to revive a nuclear programme that was halted when the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was toppled in the 1979 revolution and most of the scientists involved fled abroad.

Rafsanjani, said they agreed to discuss putting an Iranian into space aboard a Soviet craft as well as building a rail link between Moscow and Tehran.

Both sides also made a joint political declaration aimed at strengthening good-neighbourliness between the two countries, which have a common border stretching along 2,500 km (1600 miles), it said.

However, Tass made no mention of the question in its report of today's talks.

"A decision will be taken on a political level," Moiseyev told journalists when asked whether an arms deal would be concluded during the visit. "It will be a comprehensive, considered approach."



Saleh (left) sits with his little sister on the floor of his shabby apartment in West Beirut. (Reuter wirephoto)

for fruit. We promise them some when the situation improves," Magni Rashed, a resident of Christian East Beirut, said.

Muslims are also suffering from the blockade of East Beirut which has brought all business and trade across the divided city to a standstill.

"We haven't had any meat, chicken or fruit for ages. The prices are prohibitive. The kids keep asking

the fighting. We had no money. My two-month-old baby had typhoid ... she was almost dying. I had to beg for money to take her to a doctor," said Salwa Yousef, a mother of six.

Yousef said she and her family had gone hungry for weeks but she only decided to beg when a doctor refused free treatment for her baby.

Police said looting had increased by 90 per cent in the last three months, the result they said of economic hardship and unemployment.

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# Emergency was only option for Premadasa

COLOMBO, June 21, (Reuters): Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa, fighting challenges to his authority, used the only option available to him when he decided to reimpose a state of emergency, analysts said today.

Few were willing to hazard a guess whether he would succeed in controlling

the situation with the emergency powers which allow the military to detain people without trial.

Premadasa introduced emergency rule yesterday after a crippling bus strike looked like spreading to other sectors in the build-up to a nation-wide general strike.

Sinhalese guerrillas of the People's

Liberation Front (JVP) are suspected of being behind the rash of strikes in Colombo and anti-government protests.

It was not immediately clear whether the military armed with its sweeping powers was preparing to crack down on the Sinhalese militants in their southern strongholds.

But a senior military officer based in Matara in the south said the Army was stepping up its operation.

Nearly 24 hours after the proclamation of emergency, buses were still off the road in Colombo and there was minimal military presence on the streets.

Reggie Siriwardene of the Institute

of Ethnic Studies said the government was left with no option but to bring back the state of emergency which Premadasa lifted in January after more than five years.

"His (Premadasa's) hand has been forced. He did not have much choice in the matter," Siriwardene said.

The emergency rule under former

president Junius Jayewardene was widely criticised by human rights activists and Premadasa promised during the election campaign last year he would revoke it.

■ The government will issue an ultimatum to transport workers, whose nine-day strike has virtually crippled civil administration in the country.

## China executes 3 people



In the net

### Death for democracy

Xu Guoming, one of the three sentenced to death for their role in setting a passenger train alight during the uprising, shown on Chinese state television. The three lost their appeal and were executed in Shanghai.

### Paradox in attacks on Bulgaria

## Turkey calls for support

ANKARA, June 21, (Agencies): The number of ethnic Turks arriving in Turkey from Bulgaria in the past month to escape oppression exceeded 50,000 yesterday, officials said.

Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz has asked UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to bring the issue to the attention of the UN Security Council.

In a campaign to drum up international support against Bulgaria, Yilmaz on Monday took 53 ambassadors to the border where the ethnic Turks have been crossing by the thousands from Bulgaria. Yilmaz said Turkey expected the entire world to oppose and condemn the "primitive" policies of Bulgaria.

Yilmaz also said Turkey expected a "clearer stand" from the Eastern bloc countries, particularly

from the Soviet Union over the problem.

In 1983, Bulgaria ordered ethnic Turks to change their Muslim names to Christian Slavic ones. Sofia has also barred the public use of the Turkish language and practice of Islamic rites.

Premier Turgut Ozal yesterday repeated his earlier call to Bulgaria to open negotiations on the status of the ethnic Turks, estimated to number at least one million.

Ozal has said he wants to hold talks with Bulgaria and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees for an orderly transfer of ethnic Turks who want to leave Bulgaria.

■ As sympathy mounts for ethnic Turks flooding in from Bulgaria, a Turkish court has banned a far-left magazine that compared their plight to that of Turkey's Kurdish minority.

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In London Thatcher said she was "utterly appalled" and called on the Chinese authorities "not to persecute those who are merely trying to have better arrangements for democracy."

"The punishment is totally out of proportion to the crime," she added. "It shows the depths of what has happened in China — something we hoped would never happen and still can't quite believe."

Hawke said they were "at one in expressing a sense of almost immeasurable tragedy at what has happened there (in China) and is further compounded by the execution of the Chinese involved in the incident in Shanghain."

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said the executions filled him with "horror, bitterness and deep sadness."

France, Spain and the Netherlands said the EEC would take up the question of its relations with China at next week's EEC summit in Madrid.

In Jinan, 17 people were sentenced to death, but some reportedly could have the sentence changed to life in prison if they stay out of trouble for two years, a local newspaper editor said. The sentences were handed down yesterday following the trial of 45 people before an audience of 10,000 in Jinan, Beijing Radio and the Jinan Daily editor said today.

Each of the 45 was accused of taking part in protests in the surrounding Shandong province, according to radio broadcast monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp.

The reports and others were given life in prison or lesser terms, but those sentenced to death were found guilty of "seriously endangering public order."

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22 killed as bus plunges

DHAKA, June 21, (AP): A bus carrying 70 passengers plunged from a highway bridge into a flooded canal in eastern Bangladesh yesterday, killing 22 people and injuring 40 others, news reports said.

United News of Bangladesh said the accident occurred in the Comilla district, 70 kilometres (44 miles) east of

Dhaka.

The bus, carrying almost double its capacity, was headed to Dhaka from the neighbouring district of Ramganj, the news agency said.

It said rescuers found 18 bodies from the wreckage and four died in hospitals. Five of the injured were in a critical condition, UNB said. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Chinese may be refused asylum

MANILA, June 21, (AP): The Philippines has asked UN officials to determine whether 18 Chinese who arrived here by boat seeking asylum in Taiwan have reason to fear for their safety if they returned home, officials said.

The 16 men and two women arrived in the Philippines May 3, a month before the June 3-4 massacre in Beijing. They asked for asylum in Taiwan this week, saying they seek better jobs in Taiwan and are afraid to return to the mainland following the crackdown on a pro-democracy movement, officials said today.

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## Land reform Below target

MANILA, June 21, (AP): The government admitted today its scandal-tainted land reform programme had fallen short of its target in the first quarter of this year.

Presidential spokesman Adolfo Azcuna said the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), which oversees the programme reported a 41 percent performance rate during the first three months.

Azcuna said the report was delivered at today's cabinet meeting but did not elaborate. He also did not say how many hectares (acres) of land had been redistributed during the period nor how many farmers had received titles.

The programme seeks to distribute farmland to some 3.9 million landless peasants over the next 10 years. President Corazon Aquino has described it as one of the main goals of her administration.

The DAR was among at least eight cabinet agencies that failed to achieve their targets. Azcuna said the assessment was part of Aquino's programme to see which areas of her government need improvement.

The land reform department had been under fire recently after allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the year-old programme.

Last month, Aquino furloughed land reform Secretary Philip Juico and 20 department officials after disclosure that he had approved purchasing an 1,889-hectare (4,666-acre) estate in Camarines Sur province for \$6.7 million pesos (\$2.98 million) from owners who bought the land for only 3 million pesos (\$142,857) last year.

The sale was never completed, but the administration and Congress are conducting separate investigations to determine whether criminal charges will be filed.

## Pinks condemn Chinese reds

Brandt re-elected

STOCKHOLM, June 21, (AP):

Willy Brandt, re-elected to a sixth term as president of the Socialist International, today called on the organisation to develop a new understanding of internationalism.

"Common problems call for co-ordinated policy responses," said Brandt, a former West German chancellor. "There is less and less room to manoeuvre for individual national policies, and finding international consensus is imperative."

Brandt said the world economy was shifting to the Far East, giving Asia a more powerful voice in international politics in the coming decades.

Brandt, who was unopposed, was re-elected to another three-year term as president of the Socialist International, an organisation of 81 Western parties and affiliate associations which is celebrating its centenary at the three-day congress.

The congress closes tomorrow with a resolution on international issues and the adoption of a new declaration of principles.

The congress opened yesterday with a sharp condemnation

of the communist crackdown on protesters in China.

"Many have fallen victim to violence, war and racial mania in many parts of the world. In particular ... the students and workers in Beijing and elsewhere in China," said Brandt.

Brandt demanded an end to the "brutal persecution of people demanding freedom."

The Israeli Labour Party, led by Finance Minister Shimon Peres, boycotted the congress to protest its invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organisation as an observer.

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES



LONDON: Cellist Julian Lloyd Webber sold his 200-year-old cello at auction for £22,500 (\$123,750) to help pay for his divorce settlement.

The cello, made by Giuseppe Guaragnini in 1791, was bought by a private German buyer, said a spokeswoman for Sotheby's auction house.

Lloyd Webber, younger brother of composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, said recently he was selling the cello to help pay for his divorce settlement. He and his wife, Celia, were granted a decree at London Divorce Court in April after a 5-year marriage.

"He was once quoted as saying: 'The cello is like a marriage. Nothing, and I mean nothing, comes between us.' The Sotheby's spokeswoman said the auction house was "very pleased" with the price, which outstripped the estimate of £50,000 to £75,000 (\$75,000 to \$112,500). (AP)

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LONDON: American actor-director Sam Wanamaker celebrated his 70th birthday at a ground-breaking ceremony for a replica of William Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

After 20 years of planning and fundraising, Wanamaker has signed a £20-million (\$30 million) contract with a construction company to build his project close to the theatre's original site on the south bank of the River Thames.

"This is the second-most important day of my life," Wanamaker said at the ceremony.

The most important day, he said, will be April 23, 1992, the anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday and scheduled completion date for his project, which he calls the International Shakespeare Globe Centre.

The project will be a centre for studies of the playwright and will be home to two theatres, one of them a replica of the Globe, where Shakespeare's plays were performed in the Bard's lifetime. It will also include an exhibition area, offices, restaurant, apartments and shops.

The original Globe Theatre was built in 1599 and burned down accidentally in 1613. It was rebuilt but finally demolished in 1644. (AP)

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WASHINGTON: Wind erosion over the winter inflicted its worst damage in three decades in the central and northcentral United States, ripping away topsoil over 14.3 million acres (5.7 million hectares), the agriculture department says. (AP)



## Ring leader

Former Beatle Ringo Starr talks to reporters in New York about his first tour since the Beatles broke up nearly 20 years ago. Starr will play drums and sing in the tour which begins July 23 in Dallas and ends Sept. 3 in Los Angeles. He will lead a nine-piece band. (Reuter wirephoto)

BONN: A spunky 12-year-old boy may have been the smalles reporter at a packed news conference with Mikhail Gorbachev, but that didn't stop him from firing off a question and later asking for the Soviet president's autograph.

Alexander Blume managed to squeeze himself close enough to a microphone set up for reporters to query the Kremlin leader at the news conference last week.

Blume, a Hanover school boy who works for a West German youth magazine, was accredited for the news conference. When his turn came to question Gorbachev, he asked: "What do you especially want to say to the youth in Germany?"

Gorbachev said he wanted to appeal to them to help ensure international trust in the future. (AP)

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AUGUSTA, Georgia: Adrienne Brown, wife of jailed soul singer James Brown, was placed on five years' probation and fined \$5,000 Tuesday after pleading guilty to a drug charge.

She also was ordered to continue with drug and alcohol screening.

Mrs. Brown, 39, was arrested in May last year as she got off a plane at Bush Field in Augusta and charged with possessing the drug PCP. She had been arrested on a similar charge six weeks earlier. One of two charges was dropped when she pleaded guilty to the other.

Brown, 56, is serving a six-year sentence at the State Park Correctional Centre near Columbia, South Carolina, for trying to run over two policemen during a two-state auto chase last fall.

Brown, known as the "godfather of soul," is serving a concurrent six-year term in Georgia for carrying a weapon to a public gathering and driving under the influence of PCP. He is eligible for parole in May 1991. (AP)

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WASHINGTON: The widow of Ambassador W. Averill Harriman will give Vincent Van Gogh's "Roses" a still life valued at \$50 to \$60 million to the National Gallery of Art, gallery director J. Carter Brown announced yesterday.

He also announced acquisition of four other outstanding works closely linked to France.

The painting, the first Van Gogh still life to join the National Gallery's permanent collection, was donated by Pamela Harriman in honour of the 50th anniversary on March 17, 1991, of the opening of the gallery's west building.

Charles S. Moffett, senior curator of paintings at the National Gallery and an authority on Van Gogh, said "Roses" is "unquestionably one of Van Gogh's most important and most beautiful paintings." (AP)

## They love Lucy

The late Lucille Ball has been voted the recipient of this year's Governors Award by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, it was announced Tuesday.

The posthumous award will be made during the 41st annual prime-time Emmy Awards presentation telecast on Sept. 17. The presentation will be made by Doug Duman, president of the academy.

Miss Ball began "I Love Lucy" in 1951 and went on to win four Emmy Awards for excellence in television. She was one of the first inductees into the Television Hall of Fame. She died April 26 of cardiac arrest.

Her last appearance on television was on the Academy Awards telecast in March.

# Jilted in life

## Furious courtroom fight hampers Hurt hearing

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): An irate William Hurt refused to answer questions after the actor accused his former lover's lawyer of insulting him and his 6-year-old son during a courtroom shouting match.

After the exchange, Sandra Jennings testified that the 39-year-old Oscar-winning actor introduced her to several people as his wife — Hurt testified Monday and yesterday that he never did so.

Ms. Jennings, trying to prove that their three-year relationship constituted a common-law marriage, is suing for half of what Hurt earned during the time they lived together.

The trial was scheduled to resume this afternoon.

The confrontation yesterday arose while plaintiff attorney A. Richard Golub questioned Hurt about his relationship with Jennings, the mother of the actor's son, Alexander.

Golub, exasperated by Hurt's answers and by frequent objections by defense lawyer Martin Shelton, complained to State Justice Jacqueline Silbermann that Shelton was "interrupting my rhythm, and rhythm is everything."

As Golub tried to resume questioning after a spate of Shelton's objections, Hurt — who had been combative and evasive in 1 1/2 days of testimony, quipped to the lawyer, "Get your rhythm right."

Golub replied: "You had yours right, pal, when you had Alex, didn't you?"

Hurt asked the judge, "You can permit that?"

The judge, hearing the case without a jury, said, "Objection sustained," and told Golub to stick to the issues. Golub tried to resume questioning.

"I'm blocked," Hurt told the lawyer. "What you just said is an insult to me, you understand? OK? I can't hear anything else."

The judge ordered a 10-minute recess.

Jennings, a 32-year-old former ballerina, testified that Hurt introduced her as his wife to people they met in Beaufort, South Carolina, where he was shooting "The Big Chill" in late 1982.



Hurt engages in an angry exchange with lawyer Golub (back to camera). (Reuter wirephoto)

### Brothers misses most the shared laughter of 39 years of marriage

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): The death of her husband has left Dr. Joyce Brothers better able to understand the pain of others, according to a published report.

Brothers says in an interview with People magazine that, after the cancer death last year of her husband, Milton, she realized that no one lives without pain.

"My pain just came a little farther down the pike than a lot of people's," she wrote. "It's one thing to read research and discuss the findings. It's another thing to be able to understand another person's pain emotionally."

She wrote that she misses the laughter she and her husband shared in their 39 years of marriage.

"You miss that more than anything else. Sex is not something you miss. What you miss is the person who, with all his problems, warts and difficulties, thinks you're the greatest person in the world."

Later, in an interview with New York Post columnist Cindy Adams, Jennings accused Hurt of committing perjury.

"He lied. In court, on the stand, under oath, the man lied," she said.

"He said he did not sign a prenuptial agreement with me. He did. We both did."

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## Keep heart attacks away

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): A handful of nuts a day may keep the heart attack away, according to a group of California researchers.

A six-year study of diet and fatal coronary heart disease among 34,000 California members of the Seventh-day Adventists church found that nuts were the only food item listed with a statistically significant protection against heart attack death.

"Compared to a person who never ate nuts, a person who ate them at least once a day had only 47 per cent of the risk" of fatal heart attack, said Dr Gary Fraser, co-author of a study presented yesterday at the 2nd International Conference of Preventive Cardiology.

"Making this even more significant is that a year ago we looked at non-fatal (heart attacks) and got findings that were extremely similar," said Fraser. "Nuts seem to reduce the risk of both fatal and non-fatal heart disease."

"Significant protective relationship were seen with consumption of whole wheat bread, nuts and

citrus fruits," the report said. But in a further refinement of the data, Fraser said nuts appeared to be the major common food that protected against heart disease.

"It was fairly consistent across the sexes, by the age groups, by smokers and nonsmokers, and all of the major risk factors" he said.

A re-survey of part of the study group determined that peanuts were the most commonly consumed nut — chosen by about 60 per cent of those questioned.

Fraser said the questions dealt only with the frequency of nut consumption and found that the more often nuts were eaten, the greater the protection. Those who ate nuts at least once a day did best.

As to quantity, Fraser said "a handful of nuts, or something like that" was probably typical.

Fraser said it is not now known what in nuts can provide protection from heart attack, but he speculated that it could be the types of vegetable fats.

## Talkative machine will help the blind

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): Robert Argyropoulos talked to a machine yesterday and the machine talked back, telling the 22-year-old engineering student the time, reading newspaper articles aloud and dialing a phone number.

The developers say the machine, though still primitive, is the most promising aid for the blind since the introduction of Braille 160 years ago.

The Personal Companion, unveiled at a news conference, was created for the 6.5 million Americans who cannot see well enough to read or are so handicapped they can't turn a page or punch a keyboard.

The machine has the appearance of a computer, but without a keyboard. It is programmed to respond to the voice of its user.

Transceptor Technologies Inc., a Michigan company founded in 1986 by people with backgrounds in medicine, visual rehabilitation, telecommunications, computer design and education, developed the Personal Companion.

Argyropoulos, a 22-year-old computer buff, designed the software, working 20 hours to 80 hours a week while a student at the University of Michigan.

He said he wanted to build a machine "not for the superstar blind person but one that your grandmother could use without knowing anything about computers."

Argyropoulos said 20 minutes of training by the machine, which gives instructions by voice, are all that's needed to get started.

Company President Bernard F. McCrory said the machine costs \$6,500 to \$6,800. The higher priced model comes with a screen for the visually impaired on which the type can be made higher.

McCrory said the machine could be leased by those who can't afford to buy one.

### Saving his skin

■ Dieters who lose 10 or 20 pounds (5 to 10 kilograms) may give away their baggy old clothes. But Dennis Genz's 173-pound (78.5 kilogram) loss left him with too much skin, so he donated about 4 square feet (.37 square metres) to help save burn victims.

"This is a first for us ... occasionally, rarely, if a child is a patient a parent may donate skin," Betty Perls, director of education for the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois, said yesterday.

The 5-foot-11 (180-centimetre) Genz, 43, weighed 430 pounds (195 kilograms) last August when he began a high-protein weight-loss regimen.

Last week, he weighed in at 260 (118) and prepared for surgery to remove excess skin from his abdomen to ease back pains and other problems.

■ A woman underwent back surgery on live television and said she agreed to it in hope of helping others who may need the operation.

"I don't feel invaded at all," said Deborah Arizin, 27, a sales representative from Haddonfield, New Jersey, who had suffered from back pain for more than half her life. The surgery took place on public television Monday night.

The 2 1/2-hour operation to help correct a 50-degree curvature of Arizin's spine is expected to make the 5-foot-9-inch (175 centimetres) patient an inch and a half (almost 4 centimetres) taller.

"It's really kind of surprising, but the focus is the surgery and the new technique and how it can help other patients," Arizin said. "I agreed in the hope that it would help other people who are going through the same thing."

interest groups with yet another opportunity to gain access and influence with members of Congress." Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, said in the survey of 100 senators in the 100th Congress.

Senator John Breaux, a Louisiana Democrat, in his first two years in the Senate, led all his colleagues with 37 privately funded trips, according to his financial disclosure form, Public

Citizen said.

Senators are required to list all reimbursed travel expenses in excess of \$250 on their financial disclosure forms, including the cost of an accompanying spouse.

The group said 95 senators reported a total of 1,121 trips paid for by special interest groups, although there may be more because some members received

## Roll up for magical mystery tour

MONTECITO, California, June 21, (UPI): A travel entrepreneur has given a traditional kid's game an adventurous adult twist.

For \$5,300 per player, well-heeled globe-trotters can take part in Jonathan Bassan's international scavenger hunt, jetting to such exotic locales as the Indonesian island of Bali to pick up a sari or Fatima, Portugal, say, for a vial of holy water.

If the chance to visit far-flung corners of the planet and pit one's travel wiles against other adventurers is not enticement enough, the first pair back to the starting line will receive \$25,000.

Second place will reap \$15,000 and third place \$7,500.

Bassan believes the game, dubbed the Humanrace, provides novice wayfarers with an introduction to world travel and

jaded veterans with a new wrinkle.

"They get a real interesting travel experience," Bassan said. "They get a cultural experience. They get an adventure. They get the thrill of participating in a first-time event and they get a chance, if they win, as Andy Warhol said, to get their 15 minutes of fame."

In addition to an active wanderlust, players must possess a talent for logistics, the athletes conditioning to climb mountains and the daring to race camels through the desert, Bassan said.

"This is not a vacation. People call in and I talk with them. I try to get a sense of who they are because if they just want a vacation I tell them to go to Indonesia and hang out on a beach in Bali," he said.

Bassan is keeping details of the itinerary secret until the start of the race

this fall, but participants will travel to at least eight nations in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

"That prevents any team from planning ahead and getting an unfair advantage and that maintains the mystery of the event," he said.

In 1975, Bassan sold the photography business he owned to embark on a two-month world tour. That voyage evolved into a three-year sojourn, and for the subsequent three years he imported primitive art, a business that permitted him frequent trips overseas.

But when he started a family in 1981 — he met his wife in Bali in 1977 — he turned his attention to something closer to home: real estate. But he missed the adventure and romance of mingling with other cultures.

The idea for a global challenge first

came to him eight years ago, but it languished until last year.

"It was always kind of in the back of my mind as a fun thing," he recalled, "but seven or eight months ago I woke up and said I'm sick of this. I'm tired of real estate brokers, bankers, lawyers. I like to travel."

Between 30 and 50 teams will take part in the scavenger hunt, which will begin Oct 28 and end 72 hours after the third place pair finishes.

In each country, Bassan has created an adventure that will take two to three days. The entire contest should last about 3 1/2 weeks.

Transportation and hotel arrangements will be made ahead of time, but the competitors will have to decide for themselves which country to fly to next and figure out how to get around.

### Headaches

## A real pain in the neck

BOSTON, June 21, (UPI): Rod Fritz used to wake up from a nap every day with an intense pain that felt like someone was sticking a red-hot poker into his left eye.

"It's almost indescribable," said Fritz. "It was like something was going to explode. It was really bad."

Fritz would get up and try everything he could think of to stop the pain. Nothing worked. Not aspirin. Nothing.

"I would pace the floor. It was very intense pain," said Fritz, 40, news director at a Boston radio station. "It was really bad."

The pain would eventually subside after about an hour. This happened every August for two years.

"I thought they were sinus headaches. For the first two years I didn't do anything about them because they would go away in September. The third year they just were so bad I had to do something," said Fritz.

Fritz went to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Institute in Boston, where doctors told him the pain was not from sinus headaches. They tested for a brain tumour and found nothing.

Finally, Fritz heard about a special headache clinic at the Faulkner Hospital in Boston and made an appointment.

Doctors there diagnosed Fritz as suffering from "cluster headaches," which are headaches that tend to come to the same time every year or day and then go away and come back the same time.

The doctors prescribed two types of drugs and told him to get a tank of oxygen, which he should breath if he felt a headache coming on. The headaches disappeared within two weeks and have not returned, he said.

"It's been great. The pain is so intense that while you're in this cluster syndrome you're constantly thinking and wondering when you're going to get a headache. You almost cannot work," he said. "Now, I'm fully prepared for if they come back."

Fritz is among the more than 45 million Americans who get headaches severe enough to seek treatment. Millions more probably get headaches that interfere with their daily lives, experts say.

A recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that headaches may be even more common than previously believed.

A National Institute of Health survey of 10,169 people found 95 per cent of women and 90 per cent of men had at least one headache in the past year.

Eight per cent of the men and 14 per cent of the women reported missing part or more of a day of work or school because of a headache.

"It's a big problem," said Dr Egilius Spierings, director of the headache centre where Fritz was treated. "Headache was a tremendous prevalence in our society."

The most common type of headache is a tension headache, which is usually a dull pain that feels like a tightness around the scalp or neck. These are usually triggered by stress, fatigue or depression. Rest, aspirin, ice packs are usually effective in alleviating the pain.

### Severe

Cluster headaches are usually very severe and develop around or behind an eye. They usually occur at night and awaken the victim and are often accompanied by tearing of an eye, congestion and flushing.

Most commonly affecting men, cluster headaches usually occur in groups for days, weeks or months at a time and then disappear for a year or more. Smoking and alcohol may trigger them. Drugs and oxygen usually help.

Many people also suffer from sinus headaches, which develop when sinuses become infected or inflamed, causing a gnawing pain in the nasal area that increases in severity as the day goes on. Decongestants and antibiotics can help, although some people need to have their sinuses drained.

Vascular headaches occur when the blood vessels in the scalp expand and contract, producing a throbbing pain often synchronised with the pulse. The best known and most debilitating vascular headaches are migraines, which afflict as many as 18 million Americans.

Migraine headaches are characterised by severe pain and in many cases, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, cold hands, tremor, sensitivity to light and sound. Attacks may last for a few hours, a day or even longer.

"Classic" migraines give the victim warning symptoms 10-30 minutes before the headache begins. The warnings usually consist of an "aura," which can include visual disturbances such as flashing lights, zigzagging lines or areas of total darkness. They can also include tingling or numbness in an arm or leg, strange odours, restlessness, confusion, speech impairment. "Common" migraines are similar to "classic" migraines but they do not have the warning signs.

There appears to be a hereditary component to migraines, with 70 percent to 80 percent of people with migraines having a family history. Women are more than three times more likely than men to get migraines.

There can be a variety of causes, including diet, stress, menstruation, poor eating and sleeping patterns.

Ice packs, pain relievers, drugs that constrict blood vessels and biofeedback can help.

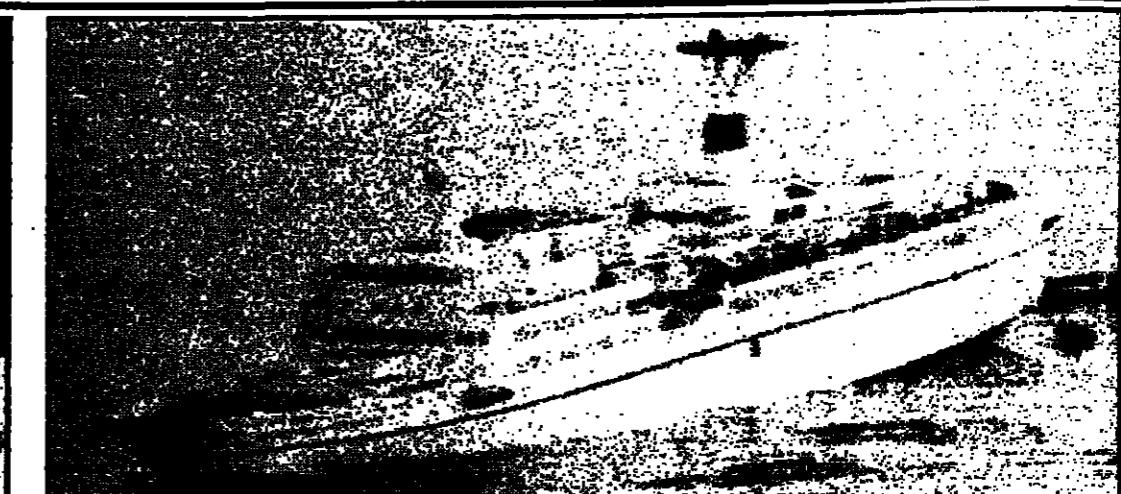
"If the Senja hadn't happened



Irene and Martin Kahlhoeft joyfully hold their son Simon after returning from Spitzbergen. (Reuter wirephoto)



Passengers from the liner Maksim Gorkiy having an emotional reunion with loved ones after being flown to Duesseldorf. (Reuter wirephoto)



An aerial view of the ill-fated Maksim Gorkiy. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Ship blundered into drift ice

## Liner was going too fast

ABOARD THE SENJA, Arctic Ocean, June 21, (Reuters): The skipper of a Norwegian Coast Guard ship which rescued hundreds of passengers from a stricken Soviet cruise liner said today the Maksim Gorkiy was travelling much too fast when it smashed into a belt of Arctic ice.

"I don't know the exact speed but I was told by crew on board that it had a speed of between 14 to 17 knots at the time of the accident," Sigurd Kleiven, commander of the Coast Guard vessel Senja, told a news conference aboard the ship.

Asked how fast he would have been going in such foggy conditions with drifting ice around, he replied: "Between two and three knots."

"None of the 980 people aboard the 25,000-ton Soviet liner was hurt in the accident in the early hours yesterday."

Kleiven said that contrary to earlier reports, the

Maksim Gorkiy had not hit an iceberg but had blundered into a huge belt of drift ice about 2.5 metres (eight feet) thick, two nautical miles wide and 12 to 15 miles long.

"We saw no icebergs in the area," he said.

The Senja had to plough through the same barrier of ice to reach the damaged ship and rescue passengers, hundreds of whom had taken refuge in lifeboats or on ice floes.

Kleiven's estimate of the speed of the Maksim Gorkiy was confirmed by the West German cruise director Winfried Prinz who was aboard the ship at the time of the accident.

He told reporters the vessel was travelling at 18.4 knots.

Crew still aboard the Maksim Gorkiy succeeded in stabilising the ship and patching up the two gashes in its bow opened by the ice, two of the ship's



One of the lifeboats from Maksim Gorkiy lies stranded on an ice floe after passengers abandoned the ship. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Tourists relate ordeal after Soviet liner hit ice

## 'We were looking death in the eyes'

A WEST German tourist today described how passengers and crew members from the liner used poles to nudge away drifting ice floes that could have splintered their lifeboat like a twig.

"After we were lowered to the sea with about 100 other passengers and crew and moved away from the ship, we found ourselves in the middle of pack ice with no other boats in sight," recalled Ludwig Pfeilschifter.

The fear was just palpable in the boat: you could see it in our palor, and some of us thought we were looking death in the eyes," said Pfeilschifter, who spent 5 1/2 hours in the open lifeboat before being rescued by the vessel Senja.

# US, Soviets begin strategic arms talks

Anti-cheating plan prepared

GENEVA, June 21. (Agencies): Full-scale US-Soviet talks on strategic arms cuts resumed today with the two sides still split on key issues and the Americans set to put forward new ideas on how to guard against cheating.

The full US and Soviet delegations began a six to seven-week session of Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START), which are aimed at halving their strategic nuclear arsenals, at the US mission in Geneva.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in a statement on the eve of the session, said a pact cutting each side's long-range nuclear forces is part of "the next phase" in disarmament.

"The basis for this already exists and the outstanding questions are not insurmountable as far as we are concerned if the two parties make the necessary efforts," Gorbachev said in a message carried by the official Tass news agency.

The heads of the two delegations, both new to the job, had met privately on Monday, the official opening of an 11th round of negotiations.

Talks were suspended in November to enable the new administration of President George Bush to carry out a defence policy review.

Washington's demand for verification procedures to be tried out before any treaty is one of the most important results to emerge from the US review.

Chief US negotiator Richard Burt said yesterday the scheme would give both sides early practical experience in verifying a START agreement.

The Soviet delegation, led by Yuri Nazarkin, has declined comment on the US proposal until Washington provides more details.

Bush will drop a US call for a ban on mobile missiles if Congress funds his controversial "two-missile" nuclear modernisation programme, the White House said yesterday.

Bush has proposed spending \$1.2 billion next year to begin putting America's 50 existing MX missiles on railroad cars, and is seeking \$100 million as a start-up base on a \$25 billion plan to base new, smaller "Midgeber" missiles on trucks.

But this proposal is under fire in Congress, in part because it conflicts with the US bargaining stance at the negotiations.

Bush met Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders at the White House yesterday to discuss the talks. Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater quoted Bush as telling them: "Don't pull the rug out from under us on the two-missile programme."

Fitzwater said the president stated "that he considers mobility essential to assure the survivability of our ICBM (intercontinental ballistic missile) forces."

Asked how this squared with



Burt: chance

## Partners not foes

MOSCOW, June 21. (UPI): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev received Adm. William Crowe today and said the visit by the chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff shows Moscow and Washington are moving from being adversaries to being partners.

But Crowe said shortly after a news conference at the Foreign Ministry press centre that although the relationship between the two superpowers had greatly improved there were still differences in points of view namely on arms control issues.

Gorbachev, arguably the most popular leader in the world today, met the crusty 64-year-old admiral, with an advanced degree from Princeton, at one of his working offices in the Council of Ministers building inside the Kremlin.

"The very fact that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the US armed services is visiting the Soviet Union now can be considered to be the most weighty argument showing that our relations with the United States have risen to a new level of maturity."

Crowe, who arrived June 12 on the first ever working visit by a chairman of the JCS, said: "We have had an interesting, a full and productive 10 days in the Soviet Union."

"I have observed first hand that Soviet citizens are a great deal like Americans. They put great emphasis on their families and their homes."

"They want a better future for their children and peace and security. They are very dedicated to their country and all these traits Americans admire."

The US bargaining position, the spokesman replied: "If the Congress passes these systems... then that would change our position at the negotiating table."

Nazarkin has said his delegation had not come empty-handed to Geneva but he declined to spell out what fresh proposals the Soviet Union would table to

speed completion of a treaty on which negotiations began in 1985.

Both sides have made it clear they stuck to their guns on the issue of whether a START treaty should be linked to a deal curbing the US "Star Wars" project for a ground and space-based anti-missile defence system.

Moscow says deployment of the system would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty since some of the defences being developed are space-based.

But Burt said he did not think a START treaty should be held hostage to an agreement on space defence.

Under the new US anti-cheating plan outlined by Bush on Monday, both sides would begin tackling the tricky problem of verification early by testing monitoring procedures during the trials, rather than waiting until the treaty is completed.

The Washington Post quoted an unidentified official in Washington as saying such trial inspections would involve around-the-clock monitoring of some ballistic missile factories and on-site checks of missile warheads. The proposal also was reported to include a ban on some missile flight tests.

Burt said, however, that verification will not "be the centerpiece" of the negotiations.

A Canadian politician yesterday called for dismantling short-range nuclear weapons and said NATO should not modernise its nuclear arsenal.

"There should be no intention whatsoever to modernise nuclear weapons, and it is ludicrous that we should enter negotiations having already ruled out the possibility of the complete elimination of (nuclear) weapons," said Ed Broadbent, leader of Canada's New Democratic Party, at the opening of the Socialist International Congress in Stockholm.

US Defence Secretary Richard Cheney's proposed \$5.4 billion cut in military hardware next year won its first vote in Congress yesterday with narrow approval by the US House of Representatives Armed Services Procurement Subcommittee.

The subcommittee, in a vote Congressional observers said might be unprecedented, approved without change Cheney's \$69 billion request for weapons and military hardware by a vote of 10 to 9.

The US Defence Department plans to begin paying the full cost of weapons development in a major shift that could save contractors billions of dollars annually, defence officials said yesterday.

No specific dollar savings for industry were announced, but under a practice begun by the administration of former President Ronald Reagan many defence firms now pay up to 50 per cent of the cost of developing specific weapons.

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No way

LONDON, June 21. (UPI): The dawning sun's rays of summer solstice shot through the main arches of Stonehenge today after about 250 people hoping to reach the ancient monument to celebrate the event were arrested two miles (three km) away, police said.

Six people eluded police and reached the stones, 80 miles (130 km) southwest of London, where they were taken into custody, police said.

About 800 police from 12 forces prevented hundreds of pagan sun worshippers and hippies from gathering at the circle of stones to celebrate the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

About 250 people were arrested (picture) in Amesbury, two miles (three km) from Stonehenge, shortly after midnight, he said. Others were chased across fields as they tried to reach the site. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Working to form coalition

### Greeks try to clean up political act

ATHENS, June 21. (AP): Consultations for a coalition government began today as judicial investigators asked parliament to lift the immunity of two former ministers of the defeated Socialist government, so that they can be prosecuted for accepting bribes.

The two ministers named are former Deputy Premier Agamenon Koutsogiorgas and Public Order Minister George Petros.

Their alleged involvement, together with other leaders of the Panhellenic Socialist Party of Premier Andreas Papandreou, in major financial scandals was responsible for the party's defeat in Sunday's inconclusive parliamentary election.

Conservative leader Constantine Mitsotakis, and

Harilaos Florakis, the leader of a Communist-dominated alliance, declared after discussing coalition prospects that the prosecution of those involved in the scandals dominated their talks.

"We remained absolutely agreed on one thing, the issue of catharsis and that the scandals must not be written off," said Florakis, who with 29 seats holds decisive hand in the hung parliament.

"The dominant issue now is catharsis and political developments must be oriented toward this objective," added Mitsotakis.

Latest election results announced today gave his New Democracy Party an additional seat for a total of 145. But this was still six short of the required overall majority enabling him to form a government in the 300-member unicameral parliament.

## Nicaragua says US officials involved in drug-trade

CARACAS, June 21. (Reuter): Nicaragua, hitting back at US charges of a Sandinista role in the international drug trade, has accused senior American officials of involvement in drug-trafficking.

"Those responsible for security in the United States are involved up to their eyeballs in this (drug-trafficking) type of activity involving billions of dollars," Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto said in

an interview late on Monday.

He did not name any officials or elaborate on the charges, but denied accusations by the administration of former president Ronald Reagan that Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista government was involved in Latin America's booming drug business.

D'Escoto, in the Venezuelan capital for a conference of the Group of 77 developing countries, also accused his country's US

backed neighbour, Honduras, of involvement in drugs and called it a "narco-state."

He provided no evidence to support the allegation. Honduras harbours thousands of US-supported Contra rebels fighting the Sandinista government.

In May 1988 Colonel Rigoberto Regalado Lara, a Honduran diplomat and half-brother of the country's military chief, was arrested at Miami's inter-

national airport after customs inspectors found nearly 26 pounds of cocaine in his luggage.

The incident — coming just one month after US authorities masterminded the arrest in Honduras of Juan Ramon Balles.

The theft, which was the biggest of four major art robberies in Holland in the past two years, took place Dec. 12, 1988 at the Kröller-Müller museum in Velphe National Park, 95 km (60 miles) east of Amsterdam.

## Using scrap instead of pure metal in jets

Three indicted

TAMPA, Florida, June 21. (AP): A defence contractor used scrap metal in thousands of aircraft and tanks, endangering troops, authorities said.

An indictment was returned Monday against Russell Baker, 63, and his 40-year-old son, Russell Baker Jr., of the Tampa area, both former presidents and general managers of Aerodyne Investment Castings Inc. Also indicted was Carmen Eugene Alexander, 55, a former chief engineer.

The bakers surrendered yesterday and were released on bail of \$100,000.

"I view it as the most serious form of crime against the Department of Defense, probably right up there with espionage," Defence Department spokesman Donald Mancuso told ABC news.

"It's a matter of placing greed above national interests and safety of individuals that are trying to serve our country."

The three are accused of plotting to defraud the government

## Ncube claims world's fastest computer

NEW YORK, June 21. (AP): Ncube has unveiled what it claimed is the world's fastest computer, a machine that can harness more than 8,000 processors to a single task and carry out 27 billion operations per second.

The raw speed of computers is tricky to compare because the performance of a machine depends on its software and the work it is given. But Ncube helped its credibility by announcing Monday its new computer, Ncube 2, would run Unix system V, a widely used type of base-layer software.

Ncube, a privately owned company based in

## Soviet plans Troops leave

PRAGUE, June 21. (AP): Some 300 Soviet troops and 100 military vehicles started leaving Czechoslovakia this week as part of Moscow's plans to withdraw 50,000 troops from Eastern Europe by 1991, a daily said today.

Lidova Demokracie said an engineering battalion began pulling out yesterday from the Moravian city of Olomouc, 270 kilometres (170 miles) east of Prague.

The vehicles, including Army trucks, would be put on five trains and gradually taken to Byelorussia, in western Soviet Union, the newspaper said without providing further specifics.

Soviet troops were first stationed in Czechoslovakia after they led a Warsaw Pact invasion in August 1968 to crush liberal reforms known as the "Prague Spring" under former Communist Party leader Alexander Dubcek.

The first stage of the current pullout was completed March 17.

Beaverton, Oregon, also announced its new machine will run Oracle Corp.'s data-base management software, which is used by businesses for storing and retrieving electronic records.

The ability to run Oracle could help set Ncube apart from its rivals, said Michael Burwen, president of Palo Alto management group.

"Ordinarily the architecture of a supercomputer is pointed to doing number-crunching kinds of things, rather than the kinds of things you need to do for data-base retrieval," Burwen said.

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# Medical society to celebrate silver jubilee

## 'Better health' conference to be held

THE chairman of the Kuwait Medical Society Dr Abdul Aziz Al Rushaid has expressed deep appreciation and gratitude to HH the Amir under whose patronage the society will hold its 8th conference and its silver jubilee festival.

Speaking to a local daily, Rushaid said that the society was established in 1962, starting with a few members and presently has a strength of 3,800 members.

### Sultan case referred to lower court

A CASE filed by Sultan Biu Issa Sons Co. (owners of Sultan Centre) against Kuwaiti Municipality to consider the second article of its law No. 14 of 1973 as unconstitutional, was referred by the Constitutional Court to the Commercial Court for hearing where the original suit had been filed.

The suit originally claimed that the company owned two plots in Salimya — one of 5,318 square metres and the other 994 square metres. The suit said that the municipality's expropriation of the second plot was unconstitutional as it violated article 18 of the constitution which prevented private property from being expropriated — except for public interests subject to appropriate compensation.

#### Forcible

The company had also told a lower court, that the forcible expropriation was against other laws governing private property. The court then deputised an expert to study the case and estimate the price of the expropriated land.

After the company changed its plea in disputing the legality of the Municipality Law of 1973, the lower court referred the issue to the Constitutional Court in February of this year.

In rejecting to hear the case, the Constitutional Court said that the company had voluntarily agreed on the expropriation without compensation — although it claimed that they were forced to do so because they feared that the municipality might have stopped the construction on the first plot. The court added that the case becomes a case of compensation and is not an objection to any article from the constitution.

The expert who was deputised by the Commercial Court estimated the price of the expropriated land at KD54,648.



Policemen honoured

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah honouring policemen who apprehended the murderer of a child in Fintas. Assistant Undersecretary for Police Affairs, Brigadier Mohammed Al Qabandi and the Director of Ahmadi Governorate Investigations Col Ismail Abdul Hadi Shadad, attended the ceremony. The minister also honoured the head of Al Ain Al Malha Board Centre and workers for their efforts in arresting a number of infiltrators.

### Facilities for passenger convenience

## Airport coping with summer rush

WITH the beginning of the summer season and school holidays, heightened activity takes place at all the country's air, land and sea exits, especially at Kuwait International Airport. A poll conducted by a local daily revealed that a number of passengers may be travelling for tourism, others for treatment and others to visit family and relatives. Airport employees face long lines of travellers unlike other periods of the year.

The General Controller of Kuwait International Airport, Abdul Hamed Dashti talked about preparations of the airport administration during the summer and travelling seasons. He said that airport employees are all prohibited from taking leave so they can face the pressure of travellers. He pointed out that airport services are represented by two sectors, the engineering sector and the operations sector.

The operations sector handles

passenger inquiries either through telephone calls or personally. Workers at the airport guide passengers to their specified gates and carry their baggage from the car to the weighing hall.

Regarding indirect services presented by airport administration to passengers, Dashti stated that these services are presented by the engineering sector like maintaining and controlling electronic equipment at the airport such as clocks, television screens and telephone boxes. He added that the engineering department also supervises cleanliness and related facilities at the Kuwait International Airport.

Other services rendered by the airport administration aims at providing a host of other services designed to facilitate the convenience of the travelling public.

On the other hand, Dashti talked about the most important preparations carried by the administration to face the travelling season. He said several meetings are held with officials at Kuwait International Airport to exchange views and suggestions to provide passengers with comfort and to organise exit and entry operations from and to the airport. Airport employees are distributed evenly at departments during pressure periods, in addition to organising other meeting with the objective of creating more facilities for passengers.

Regarding obstacles faced by the employees at airport administration, Dashti said that in fact there are several problems faced by administrative officers. In general he pointed out that vandalism of airport public utilities forms the biggest obstacle. He said that they can't accuse

Ibrahim Husni, who is going to Egypt for tourism said that frankly, travellers may face a lot of problems while reserving their tickets. He said that some airlines companies don't have exact times. He pointed out that his plane was supposed to leave six hours ago and that so far he has spent all this time waiting at the airport.

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The forthcoming conference will be held under the title 'Medical Practice for Better Health', in which renowned Arab and international doctors will be participating and various working papers and research reports discussed.

#### Clinical studies

The society's scientific and conference-organising committees main objectives are to

encourage young Kuwaiti doctors to carry out clinical studies aimed at determining the various problems encountered by the medical sector in Kuwait and to agree on effective measures.

A number of symposia would be held on the fringes of the conference led by highly qualified professors from various countries in the world dealing with the diseases most common in Kuwait such as diabetes, ulcer,

kidney stones, and other topics, Rushaid said.

Rushaid added that a special symposium will be held to establish a religious and physiological definition of the death phenomenon, in which the well-known Muslim scholar Dr Hassan Hathoot will participate.

A special ceremony would also be held to celebrate the society's silver jubilee at which long-serving doctors — those who spent

more than 25 years in the medical profession would be honoured.

Rushaid reviewed the various achievements so far made by the society which covered local and international activities and included the shipment of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to calamity-stricken areas, the operational of the social security project, the establishment of different facilities for medical staff and others.

## Joint Arab reservations agreement concluded

KUWAIT, June 21, (KUNA): Eight Arab airlines have concluded an agreement to establish a joint Arab Computer Reservation System (CRS) which will provide them with competitive reservation and other computer system services, it was announced here today.

Ahmad Al Mishari, chairman and managing director of Kuwait Airways said in a press release that representatives of the eight carriers met in Kuwait today and nominated a consultant company to conduct a feasibility study of the project and to determine the best way of implementing it.

The eight airlines participating in the project are: Saudi, Egypt Air, Royal Jordanian, Iraqi Airways, Libyan Arab Airlines, Syrian Arab Airlines, Emirates and Kuwait Airways.

Mishari said the feasibility study will determine whether to launch the project in affiliation or joint venture with one of the existing global distribution systems (GDS). A previous study conducted by a technical task force, he said, revealed that it was not feasible at this stage to establish a dedicated Arab global distribution system.

#### Feasibility

He said the Arab carriers will determine in view of the findings of the feasibility study, with which of the global distribution system, such as Sabre, Apollo, Galileo, Amadeus Sita, or Abacus the Arab system will affiliate or join.

The eight carriers participating so far in the project together uplift 80 per cent of the overall volume of passenger traffic carried by all Arab carriers, which is estimated at more than 26 million passengers a year. Mishari said.

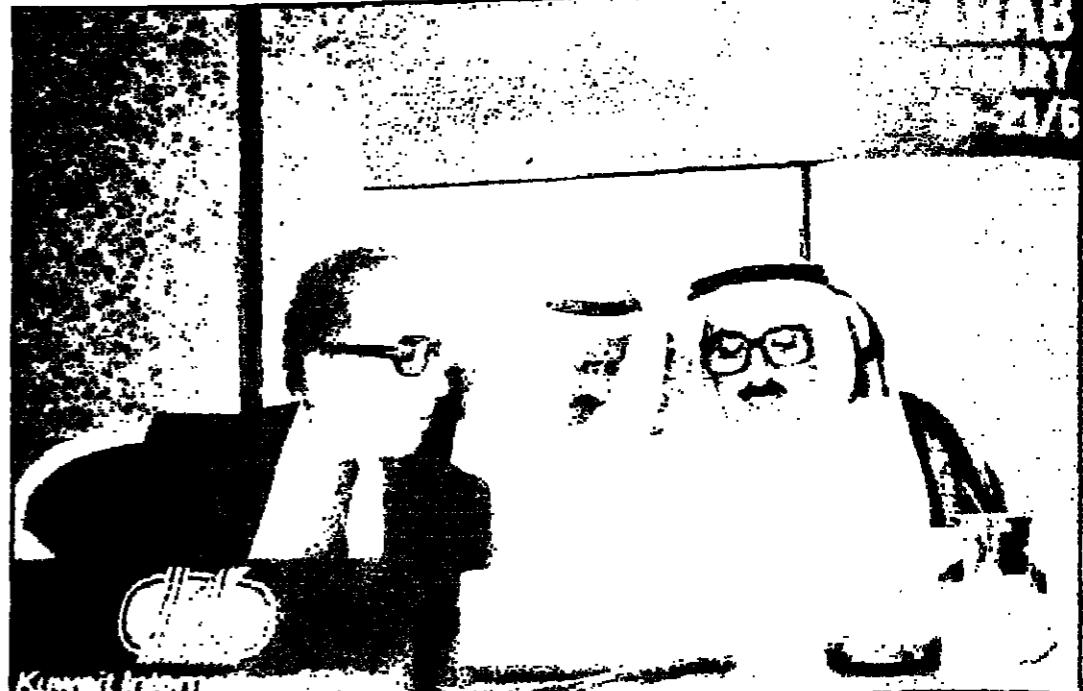
He added that further efforts are now being exerted under the umbrella of the Arab Air Carriers Organisation — AACO — to bring more Arab airlines into the project. Twelve out of sixteen AACO member airlines are expected to join the system eventually.

Mishari said the agreement of the eight Arab carriers to launch that joint system has been prompted by the ongoing trend within the air transport industry to create coalitions among various airlines.

## Safety symposium

NASSER AL SHAJAI, an engineer at Kuwait Municipality and head of Kuwait's delegation to the Road Safety Symposium organised by GCC secretariat-general in co-operation with the Swedish Commercial Council in Riyadh last week, has said that discussions at the symposium dealt with a number of subjects relating to inter-GCC communication linkage, development of marine transport and upgrading of air and overland transport facilities.

He told a local daily that the symposium also discussed a number of topics and issues contributed by the participants, which stressed the need to further consolidate existing GCC ties through the development of communication channels.



Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed with Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Kibbi at the conclusion of the 10th meeting of the Commission on Afro-Arab Co-operation.

## Two day Afro-Arab meeting concluded

### More recognition for Palestine solicited

KUWAIT, June 21, (Agencies):

Foreign ministers and senior officials of 24 Afro-Arab nations ended a two-day conference here late yesterday condemning Israel and South Africa and adopting a Kuwaiti proposal to set up a joint Arab-African Investment Corporation.

The final communiqué issued by the Standing Committee on Arab-African Co-operation said that the secretariats of the Arab League and the Organisation of African Unity would continue contacts to conclude an agreement to "encourage and guarantee investments" in Arab and African countries.

The committee attempts to strengthen ties between the 22-member League and the 50-member OAU, with the aim of ensuring collective support for Arab and African political causes and for developing economic and financial co-operation.

Arab countries, especially those who double as members within the OAU, have tried to isolate Israel from the African continent to pressure it to accept a political settlement with Palestinians.

However, OAU Secretary-General Ide Oumarou sidestepped questions at a later press conference about the chances that African states with diplomatic relations with Israel would break them.

#### Relations

"Those countries which established diplomatic relations with Israel did that because of their own circumstances and were making sovereignty decisions," Oumarou told the press.

Despite that, he said, the OAU did not go back on its decision to refrain from dealing with Israel because of its aggression on Arab states and the inhabitants of the occupied territories.

The conference called for Israel's withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied in 1967 including Arab Jerusalem supported the setting up of an independent Palestinian state and urged the Arab League and the OAU to solicit more recognition of the state of Palestine proclaimed by the Palestine National Council, and urged the OAU to pursue its talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Israel has controlled the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip since the 1967 Middle East war. A 19-month uprising against its military occupation has left at least 526 Palestinians dead. Twenty-three Israelis have also died.

The communiqué said finance ministers from the two sides will meet shortly to decide the capital and bylaws of a joint Arab-African Investment Corporation.

Conference sources said that contributions will mainly come

from oil-rich Arab states led by Kuwait.

"Kuwait has presented the proposal in order to translate into reality the long-standing slogan of Arab-African co-operation," Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed told the press conference.

Other economic decisions adopted by the 24-member committee include holding the first Arab-African Trade Fair in October 1990 and setting up an Arab-African Trade Zone.

Calling for the crusade against "the racial regimes in Israel and South Africa," the communiqué bolstered Arab-African solidarity to confront "the alliance between Israel and South Africa in the political, economic, military, nuclear and technological fields."

Meanwhile, the Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) has urged Arab and African states to forge closer economic ties to meet what he called a threat from the United States and a more united Western Europe.

"The Americans and the Europeans are getting organised," Ide Oumarou told a press conference after a two-day meeting of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation.

"This will be at the expense of whom?" he said. "If we don't hold hands... they will bleed us to death."

Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Kibbi, also addressing the press conference, echoed the call for more co-operation.

"Current threats make the two groups, African and Arab, feel the need for joint (political and economic) solidarity toward all international issues," he said.

In a related interview Tunisian Minister of Youth and Sports Hamouda Ben Slama has said that it is wrong to believe that establishment of relations with the Zionist entity would solve African economic problems.

Slama said that the Arabs, through a well-knit information campaign can convince the African brothers that presence of the Zionist entity in their continent is not in the interest of their people.

He said that the prime evidence for that conclusion is the racist relationship between that entity and the racist regime in South Africa.

Slama, speaking to KUNA on the sidelines of the tenth session for the Afro-Arab Standing Commission, said Arabs should set strategies to fight Zionist infiltration into the African continent.

#### Struggle

He added that the Arab-Zionist struggle is not limited to the Arab region nor political aspects but rather it extends to other areas and involves cultural, informational, economical and social fields.

Slama, who headed his coun-

try's delegation to the session, said that the Arab world is linked to the African continent in three main areas.

He divided them into past when both were in the same trench fighting imperialism and seeking freedom and dignity, present where both are dependent on the West one way or another and future where Africa and the Arab world are looking forward to exploiting their still untapped wealth.

The minister hailed the historical speech delivered by HH the Amir at the inaugural session and said that Kuwait's preparations for the conference enabled both sides to build new pillars for joint co-operation.

He described the atmosphere of the meetings as positive which shared in deepening dialogue and enhancing co-operation between them.

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He said that the proposal pictures the Arabs as serious and mature in their dialogue and co-operation with the Africans, adding that limiting co-operation on to ink on paper at this particular time, when millions of Arab and African children are starving to death, would lose our credibility.

The proposal further won additional weight and importance because Kuwait, known for its successes and seriousness in investment and development spheres, had tabled it, he said.

#### Blocs

Slama, shifting to establishment of the Gulf and Arab Co-operation Councils in addition to Arab Maghreb Union, warned against turning those councils into regional blocs.

He also warned that the councils would affect the basic idea of comprehensive Arab unity and called in this respect for harmonising with the Arab League and other pan-Arab institutions to strengthen joint Arab action.

The minister, however, noted that the Arab heads of states' personal supervision over the creation of those councils provides the necessary political weight.

Slama, commenting on President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's decision allowing multi-party system in Tunisia, said that the pluralism was not limited to political parties but rather encompassed cultural, ideological, syndicate and social pluralism.

Asked on the return of Egypt to the Arab League and the fate of League headquarters, currently in Tunis, he said that Arabs must not stick to clichés and secondary issues.

## Shortage of qualified technicians

### Minor GCC industries lack adequate maintenance

A STUDY prepared by the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consultations has stressed the importance of regular maintenance services in the industrial sector as a prerequisite for ensuring the continuity of production, optimisation of performance and productivity.

The study says that industrial companies in the Gulf have accorded varying attention to maintenance services.

Regular maintenance is available to major industries, whereas minor industries suffer real problems due to the lack of adequate maintenance.

The study attributed this to the high cost of maintenance, failure to administer reliable services, lack of well-planned maintenance, the unavailability of spare parts, and shortage of qualified technicians.

The study reveals that most mid-level

Dutch dispute blown out of proportion, says Mishari

CHAIRMAN of the Kuwait Airways Corporation, KAC, Ahmad Al Mishari regretted that the commercial dispute with a Dutch contracting company, has been blown out of proportion. He described it as a small dispute and hoped that it will not affect "the traditional good relations between Kuwait and Holland or influence their vast joint interests."

In an official statement released yesterday, he said that the dispute was a result of a contract signed with the Hollandia-Kloos company for the construction of an aircraft hanger, workshop and stores. The company did not complete the project in time and had sued the KAC in Kuwait as well as in Dutch courts. Mishari added that KAC repeatedly tried to solve the matter amicably with the Dutch company, but all its attempts went in vain.

**Flexibility**

Mishari added that KAC has shown a great deal of flexibility with the company at the instructions of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister who responded to appeals and contacts by the Dutch prime minister. The KAC has always wanted to arrive at a solution to the dispute and has offered to concede and drop the amount of the delay fine, imposed on the company for late completion of the project, the official said.

Mishari reiterated KAC's willingness to arrive at a just and fair solution to the dispute. He added that in case the two sides fail to reach an agreement through direct negotiations, it could be more suitable to settle the dispute in accordance with the conditions of the contract by going to the court.

#### Polish visit

KUWAIT, June 21. (KUNA): Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khalid today expressed thanks to Polish officials for the hospitality he received during his official visit to Poland from June 10-14.

During a meeting with Polish Charge d'Affaires Janusz Dworak yesterday, the minister reviewed the outcome of the visit. The ministers said that a number of delegations from different technical committees will visit Poland to follow up the issues that were discussed with Polish officials.

#### BAHRAIN DIGEST

## A sympathetic ear for all

EXPATRIATE life in the Gulf is generally regarded as one of affluence and financial security, compared to the less fortunate countrymen 'back home.'

Expatriates from all parts of the world have been coming to the region in sizeable numbers for several decades in the hope of making a fortune while attractive employment opportunities exist that pay generous tax-free income. The vision still persists among the present crop of expatriate workforce of making the most while the going is good. But there is another side of the coin of this seemingly 'rosy' life of an expatriate. While economic opportunities for a foreign worker is certainly a lot better than back home, there is a high price to pay in other respects. Today, both the professional and working class expatriate workers are confronted with a host of problems in the course of their transient sojourn to make quick money.

For the last six years in Bahrain a unique international social organisation has been performing a noble task in trying to understand and to an extent help expatriates with their various problems. BEFRIENDERS INT, a British institution affiliated to the Samaritans, was set up in the island in 1983 as a voluntary, non-profitable, non-religious organisation with the aim to provide a 'listening service' for expatriates who suffer problems of all kinds here.

Judi, head of BEFRIENDERS INT in Bahrain in an exclusive interview with the Arab Times explained the role of her organisation in the island.

"We are basically a listening service. People with various problems call us up and we listen with a patient and sympathetic ear. We are an expatriate concern for expatriates, although we do welcome calls from nationals as well. We don't judge people who call us with their problem. We suggest help and give advice only if asked."

According to Judi, in the early days of Befrienders operation in Bahrain most of the callers were Indians, including a large number of men, followed by Sri Lankans, Mauritians, other Arabs and in recent times Filipinos, including householders.

Loneliness is the most common of the problems faced by expatriates in general. This leads to chronic depression and in extreme cases suicidal tendencies. Men, usually Asian construction workers, find themselves away from their families for several years of a stretch. The situation is further aggravated by inadequate income and inability to send money home regularly. Long hard working hours, financial insecurity and lack of any social life make it a miserable existence for this lot, explained Judi.

#### Last resort

Potential suicide victims, though few, call Befrienders as a last resort for various reasons, said Judi. These come under distressed or silent callers who are hesitant to talk at first.

"These people are initially reluctant to talk about their problems and sometimes hang up immediately after dialling. We try to explore their feelings and get them to talk openly about their depression. Most of them usually feel good after talking to us. But we never try to stop a person from taking his or her life, if we are not asked to help. It is not our job to do this. We do not infringe upon somebody's right of doing what he or she wants."

Unemployment is another serious problem faced by a lot of expatriates. This group comes under legal callers who seek help on problems related to release letter, broken job contracts and labour laws.

## Planning body for workforce proposed

Development meetings to continue in September

THE Ministry of Planning has proposed the establishment of a body to be responsible for preparing programmes, plans and policies governing the workforce in the country, both national and expatriates. It will also determine the type of manpower required for each profession and sector with the aim to achieve social harmony and to be in line with the actual requirements of the country's economy.

Undersecretary of the Planning Ministry, Dr Abdulla Hadi Al Awadi said that the second five-year development plan has got specific and defined goals to achieve, particularly the optimal utilisation of national manpower, increasing its contribution to the total workforce and thus helping speed up realisation of the population balance.

Awadi was commenting on the results of the three-day top official meeting, which discussed a number of important developmental issues and concentrated on the structure of the country's workforce.

Awadi said that these discussion meetings will be continued in September this year, with the aim to come out with clear guidelines for the second-five-year-development plan covering the period from 90/91-94/95. He said that the Ministry of Planning will utilise the

proposals and suggestions of these meetings in working out the second five-year-plan, which is primarily based upon the long-term development strategy for the country.

#### Strategy

The main core of the development strategy is the building of the Kuwaiti human resources. He added that the main object of inviting representatives of the various sectors and sections of the Kuwaiti society, is to make the second five-year-plan and exact reflection of the reality of the Kuwaiti society.

Meanwhile, the discussion meeting on its last day yesterday discussed the issue of "Early Retirement" among Kuwaitis. Sulaiman Ahmad Ali of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), warned of the dangers of early retirement.

He said in a study paper submitted to the meeting, that statistics indicate a big increase in the trend of early retirement among Kuwaitis, particularly ladies.

He said that as many as 12,226 Kuwaiti employees went on early retirement until end of June 1988, representing 64 per cent of all retired Kuwaitis. The picture among ladies is still more appalling with 87 per cent of all retired ladies have gone on early retirement.

The Kuwaiti Social Security Law allows Kuwaiti employees with long years in service to seek retirement even before they

reach the legal retirement age of 60 years.

Kuwaitis who are enrolled in the Social Security Scheme for 15 years can seek retirement at the age of 50 years and can ask for retirement even before they reach 50 years, if they spend 20 years in service.

Ladies still have better advantages and can ask for early retirement after spending only 15 years in service as an encouragement to look after their families. In these cases, retired Kuwaitis will get full retirement pensions.

Sulaiman Ahmad Ali said that the danger of this trend is that such retired persons pull out of the workforce usually when they attain their best level of efficiency. Thus, he added, these people turn from being productive to being unemployed, which goes against the goals of the developmental plan.

This continuously reduces the contribution of the national manpower. He added that this also goes against the main object of the country's policies which are mainly centred around the building of the Kuwaiti manpower and utilisation of the national human resources to decrease dependence upon expatriates.

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The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory — Cicero, Roman scholar (106 B.C.-43 B.C.)

## Bush rebuffed over Cambodia

By Leon Daniel

CONGRESSIONAL opposition evidently has thwarted a Bush administration scheme to bankroll a covert Central Intelligence Agency operation to arm non-communist guerrillas in Cambodia.

In a major setback for the President, Congress balked at providing an estimated \$20 million for rifles and other weapons for forces battling the communist government of Hun Sen, installed in Phnom Penh by Vietnam.

The administration had hoped to bolster factions headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Son Sann, a former prime minister, before Vietnam pulls its last troops out of Cambodia by Sept. 30.

The primary aim of its policy was to prevent the return to power of the Khmer Rouge, whose brutal three-year reign was ended in 1978 by invading Vietnamese forces after at least one million Cambodians were murdered.

But lawmakers, haunted by the bitter American experience in Indochina, thwarted the administration's scheme, objecting particularly to its secrecy.

Senator Robert Byrd, a Democrat from West Virginia, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, put it this way:

"Surely we have learned from our experience in Vietnam, if nothing else, that if we are to succeed in a new policy toward that region, it cannot be achieved through secret policy-making, secret military programmes, secret arms transfers or secret deals."

Bush signed an intelligence "finding" late last month authorising the secret operation but Congress balked at funding it.

Administration sources said they did not want to acknowledge the operation publicly because it could embarrass Thailand, which was to have been the conduit for the arms for the Cambodian guerrillas.

But critics of the administration's plan accused the president of trying to avoid public debate on a controversial foreign policy by designating it a covert operation.

The administration pushed for congressional funding for its scheme even after the merciful Sihanouk said he did not need weapons. After meeting with Hun Sen to discuss establishing an interim regime, the prince said he needed humanitarian aid, not arms.

The best reason not to send American weaponry into Cambodia is that there is a good chance much of it would end up in the hands of the Khmer Rouge, the mass murderers who are much more dangerous than the current Phnom Penh government.

The Khmer Rouge still is in a shaky coalition with the forces of Sihanouk and Son Sann.

The Hun Sen government, which has Moscow's support, has indicated a willingness to share power with the 67-year-old prince, who would return home from China this fall and again become head of state.

The United States should use its influence to persuade Beijing not to continue bankrolling the 35,000 armed and dangerous Khmer Rouge guerrillas who have the support of about 10 per cent of the populace.

It should refrain from sending arms to Sihanouk's Army of 18,000 and Son Sann's 12,000 soldiers. Anyway, it is doubtful the weapons could arrive before the Vietnamese are gone.

It would be tragic if American arms are used by Cambodians against Cambodians.

## Radical right threat to West German equilibrium

By Mark Heinrich

THE sudden rise of the far-right Republicans Party is challenging the principle of governing from the centre, a hallowed rule of stable politics in West Germany.

The Republicans' sweep of seven per cent of West German votes in Sunday's European parliament elections threatens to undermine the slim centre-right majority in power here since 1982.

To the alarm of Bonn's governing mainstream, the appeal of the radical right is not only eroding the constituency of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

It is also eclipsing Kohl's coalition partner, the Free Democrats (FDP), as the most popular small party to the right of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD).

Despite the CDU's heavy losses in the European voting, Kohl has loudly and decisively ruled out any coalition with the far right after general elections in December 1990.

But the rightist surge, feeding on growing hostility to immigrants and unease over the abolition of European Community (EC) borders in 1992, is raising concern that stable moderate majorities in Bonn may have a limited future.

The rise of the radical right has left both the government's CDU/FDP coalition and the combined opposition of SPD and Greens unable to muster more than 45 per cent of the national vote.

"The development feared by all sides has now taken hold: a five-party system," the respected Frankfurter Allgemeine daily warned in an editorial on Tuesday.

"If people vote in the 1990 general elections as they did (for the European parliament), then we will be faced with structural inability to form a majority," it said.

That would be a nerve-wracking prospect for a nation that remembers how the mushrooming of small extremist parties helped undermine the 1920s Weimar republic democracy and open the door to Nazi dictatorship.

Governing from the centre became almost an end in itself in the new post-war West German state out of a need to live down the Nazi past, which made the public wary of radical appeals.

The CDU played on this fear when a senior party official told a European election rally in early June: "Please don't repeat the mistake that the Germans already made in this century. Don't vote radical, vote for the political centre."

But temptation to seek alliances with the Republicans is emerging among Kohl's own forces.

This reflects desperation over a long electoral slump that might be irreversible before the 1990 elections.

After the European election debacle a debate erupted within the Christian Social Union (CSU), the CDU's Bavarian wing, over whether linking up with the Republicans might be preferable.

(Reuter — Bonn)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1533 — Ferdinand of Austria and Sultan Suleiman I of Turkey sign peace treaty.  
 1543 — England's King Henry VIII issues ultimatum to France, serving as declaration of war.  
 1636 — French and Savoy forces defeat Spanish at Tornavento, Italy, but Savoy refuses to march on Milan and advantage is lost.  
 1826 — Pan-American congress meets in Panama under influence of Simon Bolivar in effort to unite American republics.  
 1894 — Dahomey is proclaimed a French colony.  
 1941 — Germany invades Soviet Union in World War II.  
 1957 — Three British subjects are sentenced to imprisonment in Cairo, Egypt, espionage trial.  
 1969 — South Yemen's President Al Shababi is overthrown and replaced by five-man presidential council.  
 1972 — Irish Republican Army's provisional wing announces conditional ceasefire in Northern Ireland conflict.  
 1973 — Skylab 1 astronauts return safely to earth after record 28 days aboard first US orbiting space station.  
 1974 — United States assures Israel it has no plans to sell weapons to either Egypt or Syria.  
 1988 — Fire rages through tent city housing about 5,000 Coptic Christian pilgrims outside historic monastery, killing 47 people — most of them children.

## Afghans yearn for political settlement Najibullah presents new image of self, party

By Sharon Herbaug

PRESIDENT Najib is trying to build a new image for himself and his government. But he faces an ambitious task, convincing the world that the image of brutality and repression no longer fits.

The government now repudiates almost everything for which the 1978 revolution originally stood. Najib denies that he or his closest associates in the ruling Politburo are Marxist now — or that they ever were.

He talks about subjects once taboo — the "big mistake" made before he assumed power in May 1986: "half-baked" land and education reform policies launched by his predecessors.

"During the past 11 years, the revolution has traversed a difficult, complicated and dangerous path with shortcomings, haste and hurry," he said in an interview. "We have learned big lessons of history. The passage of time is a great teacher."

Since the last Soviet troops left Afghanistan on Feb 15, Najib has adopted a position that at times sounds as though he would be willing to hand over power and leave his People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan with only a slim guarantee of existence.

Tired but tough and at times defiant, Najib says he only seeks the "16th seat" at the negotiating table, next to the seven mujahedeen groups based in Pakistan and eight in Iran that are trying to topple his government.

He says he's ready to negotiate with the Muslim mujahedeen — through intermediaries if he's not acceptable — any place, any time and on any terms.

But the mujahedeen leaders and their main supporters — the United States and Pakistan — say Najib and key members of his government must go before they talk peace. They contend the government trampled on ancient social and religious traditions and created chaos by opening the way for the Soviet military intervention in December 1979.

Najib, 43, says he would resign if necessary but insists that would not end the conflict that already has claimed more than 1.3 million lives, destroyed thousands of villages and forced five million people — one-third of the population — into exile.

"The departure of a personality or force will not solve Afghanistan's problems. That can only be done by sitting down at the table and talking," he said.

His appeals at times exhibit an air of



Afghanistan President Najibullah accepts a bouquet from a young Afghan girl.

desperation, but most diplomats in Kabul doubt his government is on the verge of collapse. On the contrary, they say, Najib's departure could mean that any coalition government would not survive because neither members of his party nor the mujahedeen leaders have his power and authority.

The government has been bolstered by a massive Soviet airlift of arms and ammunition that continues despite the town withdrawal. Moscow has vowed to stand by its southern neighbour.

Najib's soldiers also have been strong.

Many observers predicted the government would fall soon after the Soviet pullout was complete. The government acknowledges that in the prior nine months, an average of 30 Afghan soldiers were defecting daily to the fighters. But since then, the armed forces' staying power has surprised even the mujahedeen leaders.

"They (the mujahedeen) have yet to win a single military victory. Who is strong and who is weak?" Najib said. "Months have gone by and we're still

here. And a year from now, we'll still be here."

With the Soviet troops gone, Afghans are yearning for a political settlement that would end the hardships caused by the protracted war.

Long lines form daily outside bakeries and gasoline stations. Meat and vegetable prices have skyrocketed as high as 10 times last year's costs. Inflation is running at 215 per cent. Wages have been frozen.

Iran and China, which also backed the mujahedeen, are moving toward a

## Hardline military commanders appointed

## Israel to intensify military assault on intifada

By Paul Taylor

ISRAEL's change of military commanders announced this week is expected to signal a tougher assault on the Palestinian uprising, security sources say.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, under fire from rightists in his own Likud Party and bounded by angry Jewish settlers, and settlers for failing to crush the 18-month-old Arab revolt.

"We will uphold this violence with an iron fist," Shamir promised Tel Aviv industrialists on Monday.

Although the Army has repeatedly told politicians there is no military solution to the uprising, in which more than 520 Arabs and 21 Jews have died, Israeli leaders seem determined to make its soldiers try harder.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin named hardliner Major General Yitzhak Mordechai, 44, to head central command in charge of the occupied West

Bank, and former paratrooper Major-General Matan Vilnai, 45, to southern command, including the Gaza Strip.

The reshuffle, to take place in August, marks the departure of central commander Major-General Amram Mitzna, an avowed liberal blamed by right-wing settlers and settlers for failing to crush the 18-month-old Arab revolt.

Mordechai will be pushed to take a tougher policy. Everybody expects it of him," a senior security source said.

Rabin has asked the Justice Ministry and attorney-general to find legal ways to deport Palestinian activists within 72 hours or a week instead of awaiting lengthy appeal proceedings.

He also wants to double the maximum period of imprisonment without trial to 12 months and abolish the right of appeal against house demolitions.

Justice Minister Dan Meridor told parliament on Tuesday: "We are discussing trials, punishment and adminis-

trative steps that we would not like to use because they do not normally befit a democratic society."

"But a democratic society that is fighting for its right to exist is entitled to use measures such as administrative detention, deportation and demolition of homes."

Security sources say the departure of Mitzna, said by aides to have wrestled with a liberal conscience, should hasten tougher measures.

### Controversial

His signature was on some of the most controversial orders of the uprising, including the widely criticised closure of West Bank schools. But military sources say the policy was Rabin's.

"He can influence a decision like closing the schools, but Rabin takes the decision," an aide said.

Raised in Israel's socialist Kibbutz

movement, twice wounded in wars as a tank commander, Mitzna hated having to fight Palestinian women and children in the West Bank.

"It's not black and white. You are not fighting an armed enemy. It was very hard for him emotionally, but I never saw him depressed," the aide said.

### Charge

Mordechai is not known to be plagued by self-doubt. He projects a robust self-confidence and has not hesitated to use prolonged punitive curfews, beatings and plastic bullets to combat unrest in Gaza, which he regards as a war.

His tactics have been no more successful than Mitzna's, but they are more in tune with Israeli leaders' current thinking.

Palestinians view the change of command with apprehension but an unbroken spirit.

"I know it is not Mitzna who takes

charge or Mordechai. It is the occupation," said East Jerusalem nationalist leader Faisal Husseini. "... I know it will fail.

The intifada (uprising) will not be suppressed and the Israeli government will have to speak with the Palestinian people."

Mitzna fell foul of the 70,000 Jewish West Bank settlers, who accuse the Army of failing to protect them against Arab stone-throwers and are increasingly resorting to vigilante actions. Mordechai will at least start with their goodwill.

Israeli commentators say Mordechai may use tougher methods, but he will face the same constraints.

"Above all, he, too, will pursue his task amid the constraints imposed on an Army of a democratic society, and on an Army that knows how to distinguish between the uses of violence and the politics of conflict resolution," the Jerusalem Post said in an editorial.

(Reuter — Occupied Jerusalem)

## ... Where war is a way of life

### Rebel-held Eritrea

By Eric Onstad

SPENT artillery shells spell profit. Eritrean trader Ali Mohamed said as he patiently hammers them into shovels, axes and cooking pots on the main street of rebel-held Afabet, in Ethiopia.

He is one of more than a million people in rebel-held areas of Ethiopia's province of Eritrea for whom a 28-year-old war of independence has become just another part of everyday life.

His matter-of-fact acceptance is far from unique.

Two days drive away, in the Solumuna camp for the displaced, Akberet Debeseay, 40, has managed over the past eight years to transform a makeshift tent into a cosy home.

She gets relief supplies and so pays no money when she goes shopping, and the government's MiGs rarely venture the 150 km (90 miles) from the war front to her camp any more.

But when Akberet visits her two children, who have recently moved away, she travels at night to avoid raids.

"We accept this way of life. I am used to this condition," Akberet said, as the sun streamed through the multi-coloured patchwork of her tent.

In rebel-held parts of Eritrea, a strip of arid mountains and lowland desert along the Red Sea, factories and repair garages are tucked underground and rooftops are always covered with heaps of leaves and branches for camouflage.

War makes small-time smugglers into big-time businessmen. It forces the rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) to thrive in an underground and virtually cashless society.

But business still gets done.

"Merchants go on trading even if there is very fierce fighting in a locality. The profit motive is very strong," said Tadesse Yohannes, de facto EPLF minister of commerce.

Tadesse's work has mushroomed because rebel victories in the past 15 months have brought thousands of people under rebel administration.

His commerce commission works to assure supply of a wide variety of affordable goods.

Rebel trade experts like Tadesse encourage businessmen to sneak in top-heavy truckloads of goods from Sudan and boatloads of cargo from Saudi Arabia and North Yemen to the areas of northern

and western Eritrea under rebel control.

Ahmed Osman, for instance, started as a modest smuggler but with EPL

Jed, is it?

# Israeli leader warns of war among Jews

## Shamir pleads for unity

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 21, (Reuters): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned Israelis today against allowing their differences over the Palestinian uprising to escalate into civil war.

As Israeli forces pursued operations against Palestinian opponents in Lebanon and the occupied territories, Shamir condemned Jewish settlers who stoned and shot at Arabs near Tel Aviv yesterday after burying a comrade killed by Palestinians.

The shooting incident occurred after angry settlers booed and shouted down Shamir with chants of "traitor, traitor" and called for "revenge" when he tried to eulogize a US-born settler slain Saturday in the occupied West Bank.

"We must prevent these deeds, they only strengthen the other side, the extremists among the Arabs," said Shamir.

Asked about a warning by Israel's national police chief that Jews could fight Jews in a civil war, Shamir in an interview on Israel Radio, replied: "All must be done to prevent such a war taking place. God forbid. It is the most dangerous thing that could happen."

The mourners, among 70,000 Jews who have settled in the occupied West Bank, accused Shamir of treachery, for his proposal that Palestinians elect representatives for peace talks with Israel.

Police today began an investigation into the funeral violence. Riot police and troops had to form a protective wedge to help Shamir through the seething crowd, and mourners banged on his car as it drove off.

Shamir called his treatment a disgrace and said the display of "divisive hysteria" made him worry about Israel's fate.

"I believe our only hope is to stand on complete national unity ... I would suggest to everyone to lower the profile of the internal disagreements, because if the profile rises you can quickly slide into irresponsible deeds."

But he said only a small number of settlers were involved in disturbances and most disassociated themselves from such acts.

"Don't forget this outburst was by a tiny handful of people and it must not be turned into some sort of all-out war."

President Chaim Herzog also condemned the settlers' attacks on Palestinians, saying they undermined the democratic basis of the Israeli state and encouraged extremism on both sides.

Jewish settlers have increasingly sided with Ariel Sharon, Shamir's leading rival in the Likud Party, who has rejected the premier's plan for elections to choose Palestinian negotiators.

Sharon says peace moves should not be considered before the 18-month-old uprising has been forcibly crushed.

Military sources and Palestinians said a suspected Arab collaborator was shot dead today in the West Bank town of Nablus, taking the number of Arab dead in the uprising to 523.

At least 45 were killed by fellow Palestinians on suspicion of helping Israeli security forces.

According to the Israel Information Centre for Human Rights, Jewish settlers have killed 20 Arabs during the uprising. West Bank settler Friedrich Rosenfeld was the 21st Jew to die.

Palestinians reported scattered clashes between troops and demonstrators in the West Bank districts of Ramallah and Nablus today.

In the Gaza Strip, hospitals reported three Palestinians wounded by Army gunfire and an 18-year-old girl from Khan Younis was severely injured by beating.

■ Jordan has turned down an Israeli proposal for holding preparatory talks between a joint Jordanian-Egyptian-Palestinian delegation and Israel to organise elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, press reports said today.

The Kuwait daily Al Qabas, in a dispatch from Paris, quoted well informed Western diplomatic sources as saying that the Israeli government had voiced its proposal to the American administration and Cairo.

They said that the secret Israeli proposal stipulates involving representatives of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the joint delegation for talks on the election plan.

■ Cornejo Sommaruga, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said today that he would discuss Israel's detention of thousands of Palestinians during his visit to Jerusalem.



Shamir is heckled by settlers as a 'traitor.' (Reuter wirephoto)



Victim of terror

A wounded Arab in serious condition after being shot. Police arrested a Jewish settler who shot and wounded two Arab road workers as he drove through a busy Tel Aviv highway junction yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Soviets offer help in crisis

## Lebanese peace sought

WASHINGTON, June 21, (KUNA): US Secretary of State James Baker disclosed here that the Soviet Union has pledged to use its influence with Syria to facilitate a solution to the Lebanese conflict and that Moscow has reaffirmed its desire to resolve the problem "peacefully."

Responding to a question posed by Senator Paul Simonson on Lebanon during a testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Baker said yesterday American concerns about Lebanon have been transmitted to the Syrians through the Soviet Union and other Arab countries.

"We can do a fair amount — through others," Baker emphasised. "And we have communicated our concerns in this regard. We have spoken to the Soviets about this. We have spoken to any number of Arab countries about this problem ... and we believe that the message is getting through," Baker said. He was discussing Christian complaints of the Syrian blockade of Christian areas of Lebanon which prevents food and other supplies from getting through.

The US secretary of state reiterated that the Bush administration "strongly supports the Arab League's initiative in Lebanon, and we are, of course, calling upon all sides for a ceasefire and for the withdrawal of all foreign forces."

When he was in Moscow in May, Baker discussed the Lebanese question with both Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and with Baker's Soviet counterpart Eduard Shevardnadze.

"We concluded from those meetings that the Soviets would, in fact, try and be helpful to the extent that they could with Syria, and of course, they have more influence there than we do."

Baker said he is convinced that "the Soviets are genuinely interested in resolving that issue — the issue of Lebanon — peacefully. And we think that they have, in fact, communicated with the Syrians about this. We hope they have because they indicated to us that they would."

Baker also discussed the US-Soviet discussions on the question of elections in the occupied territories.

"We were quite heartened by the fact that after our meetings in Moscow, Shevardnadze said that he felt that the elections proposal was worthy of consideration. Therefore, the Soviets had been pretty well-wedded to the international conference approach solely."

## ACC a result of Iraq's efforts to forge unity

WASHINGTON, June 21, (KUNA): Iraq has no ambitions in the region other than sponsoring efforts at Arab unity, senior Baath Party official Taha Yassin Ramadan said in an interview.

Ramadan, who also is Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister and head of the People's Army, made his remarks in an interview with "Middle East Insight" magazine.

Although Iraq has abundant oil and other natural resources, the eight-year Gulf war placed massive economic burdens on its infrastructure.

Speaking of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC), Ramadan said it was "started as an Iraqi-Jordanian dialogue and expanded" to include North Yemen and Egypt.

And although Egypt-Syria and Egypt-Libya unity efforts failed, "we have benefited from these experiences," Ramadan said, adding it was "reasonable" that economic co-operation is high on the ACC's agenda.

"We will develop common markets and (ultimately) a treaty of joint defence and co-operation," as well as links in education, scientific research, communications and other fields, the senior Iraqi official explained.

Also, there would eventually be open borders to "assist unrestricted travel."

# US to continue aid to Arab friends

WASHINGTON, June 21, (KUNA): US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence Edward Gnehm pledged here Monday that the Bush administration "will continue to support requests for legitimate defence assistance from our friends in the moderate Arab states."

Although he expressed US concern over the proliferation of modern weapons systems to the Gulf, the Pentagon official emphasised that "our friends in the Gulf do have legitimate defence requirements, and more often than not, seek US assistance in fulfilling them."

Addressing an afternoon panel on the Gulf and its security and economic prospects during the annual convention of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), the senior defence official also outlined the policy

of the Bush administration towards the Gulf region.

According to Gnehm, the United States "opposes any attempt by any state in the region to impose a hegemony — to dominate the region to the exclusion of others."

He reiterated well-known American positions that the "continuing, unrestricted flow of oil and freedom of navigation in this region is vital to our national interests ... and the US will do whatever is necessary to protect that."

The Pentagon official emphasised that "this includes protecting US property and the property of our friends, ensuring the freedom of navigation is not curtailed by any power in the region, and that we will do everything possible to bring stability to the Gulf and work towards a just and fair settlement of the

Iran-Iraq war."

Discussing the US policy towards Iran and Iraq, Gnehm said the US "recognises both governments and we do not support the overthrow of any legitimate government."

He added, "with respect to US relations with Iran, we feel frankly that the ball is in their court and until they work to assist freeing the hostages in Lebanon and change their position on state-supported terrorism, there will be little movement in normalising our relations."

If there has been one single, positive aspect of the Iran-Iraq war, it has been to make both Americans and Arabs realise that we have many similar goals and objectives which can be pursued without adversely affecting the interests of the other," Gnehm said.

# Polls hitch to be sorted out soon

WASHINGTON, June 21, (KUNA): Rita Hauser, a leading American Jewish academic who met PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Stockholm last year, has expressed confidence that differences over the elections in the occupied territories will be ironed out soon and that agreement on holding these elections will be reached after July despite current indications to the contrary.

Hauser, who heads the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East and is a member of the advisory panel on international law for the State Department, made her predictions during a major address to the ongoing three-day annual convention of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA).

But Hauser, who is also a member of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) warned that for agreement on elections to take place and in order to avoid escalation of the conflict by extremists and hardliners on both sides, it is imperative now that the Bush administration gets involved "with more energy and urgency."

The US government — as I have told them many times — must take this process and bring it to a higher level of urgency and immediacy," the American academic asserted. "The US is too cautious now and we ought to be moving this process more quickly."

A North American seminar on the question of Palestine also urged the US to continue contacts with the PLO.

The two-day seminar also expressed grave concern at the continued human rights violations in the occupied territories.

The panel expressed regret that the US had recently prevented the Security Council from taking action indispensable to ensuring the safety of Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The panelists called Monday on UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the president of the Security Council to request Israel to rescind its order for the deportation of Palestinians from the territories and to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention with regards to any future deportations of residents of the territories.

The NAAA, in what may be that lobby organisation's most effective effort to date, yesterday announced a major campaign aimed at getting Israel to reopen Palestinian schools.

The NAAA declared at a luncheon in the US Congress its intention to press politicians to actively oppose the Israeli school-closing practice.

While the effort is new, one congressional resolution (H. Con. 124) already is calling for "immediate steps to reopen" the schools. The NAAA hailed the introduction of the measure.

A bomb blast killed two people in Peshawar today. It was not immediately clear if the bomb, which exploded on a scooter killing its two riders, was linked to the delegation's visit.

## APU blames Tehran

# Iran hindering peace

PESHAWAR, June 21, (Agencies): Parents of Soviet soldiers missing in Afghanistan met a former Red Army private today at a meeting with Afghan rebels, but the soldier said he wasn't ready to go home.

The rebels, who kept several prisoners of war after the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan last February, presented Pvt. Andrei Lopuh of Minsk, to the eight-member Soviet delegation in this frontier city.

"I don't know if I want to go back because I am a Muslim," Lopuh told reporters through an interpreter. He was not related to any members of the delegation.

The rebels said the soldier was captured in Afghanistan in 1987 but had converted to Islam and acquired the name Dan Mohammadi.

Iona Andronov, spokesman for the delegation called the Committee for the Rescue of Soviet POWs in Afghanistan, said Lopuh told him he would go home only if Moscow and the Afghan government in

the province's military commander in

"We have conquered Jalalabad from the opponents," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani, quoting the province's military commander, Gen. Asif Delawar.

Azim Nasser-Zia, spokesman for the rebel moderate National Islamic Front of Afghanistan, said the communist government's claim was false.

Abdul Rahim, a spokesman for the more fundamentalist Jamiat-i-Islami, added: "The siege is not over. But if they're talking about opening part of the Jalalabad highway, that may be true."

Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil today said the US State Department should send a diplomatic representative to Kabul to negotiate the release of a captured US photographer.

The government has maintained it does not know the identity of the photographer, who was arrested June 14 while travelling with rebels. Rebel sources in Pakistan, however, have identified him as Tony O'Brien, a free-lance photogra-

pher.

The APU condemnation of Iran as the party responsible for the stalemate is the first such wide-scale Arab criticism since the new Iranian leadership took over earlier in the month after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The three-day APU conference, attended by 16 Arab parliamentary bodies, also denounced what was termed as "inhuman, uncivilised and illegal" practices of the Iranian side against Iraqi war prisoners.

A member of the Iraqi delegation said that during a heated debate on the Gulf issue which delayed the conclusion session for two hours, Syrian delegates "were rejecting the Iraqi resolution just for the sake of rejection. They had no solid argument."

The Iraqis managed to get their strong resolution approved by the APUs with only minor changes, due to the support they received from other Arab delegates. Syria and Libya ended up only registering reservations.

## KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Hafat Al Hawiyah: Arabic serial (Part 3)  
11.00 Sabah Al Khair: news and variety  
11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 15)  
12.05 Local variety programme  
1.00 News summary  
1.30 Flouma: cartoon serial  
2.00 Variety show  
2.15 Ima'a La Taaref Al Ya's: Arabic serial (Part 3)  
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious programme  
3.30 Cartoon serial  
4.00 Al Dhahira: Arabic local feature, starring: Ghaneem Al Saleh, Ibrahim Al Salal, Mohamed Al Mai'  
6.00 Cartoons  
7.00 Variety show  
7.30 Al Baith Aan Al Mughamara: Looking for Adventure  
8.30 Ma's Al Islam: Religious programme  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Ili Ma's Qursh: daily Arabic serial (last episode)  
10.45 Saheb Al Amara: Arabic feature film, starring: Yahiya Shaheen, Fuad Al Muhandes, Tahya Karyooka  
12.15 Akhtarna Lakom  
1.15 News summary  
1.20 The World News via Satellite  
1.45 Holy Quran/Closedown

**FRIDAY**

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
10.15 Children magazine  
10.45 Religious programme  
11.15 Friday prayer  
12.30 Variety programme

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



A scene from 'Blue Blood' on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm on Friday.

1.00 News in brief  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Friday meeting  
4.00 Arabic feature film: Sawi Al Hub (Sound of Love), starring Warda Al Jazairiya, Hasan Yousef  
7.00 Kuwaiti in a Week  
8.00 Family programme  
8.45 Hadiees Deeni: weekly talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Variety programme "Word" with guest artist Ezzat Al Alayeli  
12.00 News in brief  
12.05 The World Today via Satellite

**KTV 2**

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Denver: cartoon serial  
6.30 The New Mickey Mouse  
10.30 Thursday's feature:

"April Morning." Starring: Robert Lee Jones. Set during the War of Independence in America, it tells the story of a youth who wants to join the British forces.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.10 Centurions: cartoon serial  
4.30 Italian Football  
5.30 The American Basketball  
6.30 Inter Bang: A team embarks on a secret mission to Thailand; meanwhile, the professor escapes.....  
7.00 Once a Hero: "Remember the Cottonwood." Captain Justice moves home, only to find himself surrounded by outlaws.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Breaking Away: a look at entertainment at the sea clubs in Kuwait  
8.50 Sable: "Copy Cat." An impersonator, disguised as Sable, is about to commit a crime.  
9.30 The Charms: Eric and Snow learn more facts about living in the 21st century. Comedy.  
10.00 Tales from the Other-side: "The Pain Killer." Diagnosis: allergic to wife. Prescription: Get rid of her!  
8.40 Beauty and the Beast. "The Outsiders." A group of people make trouble for the inhabitants of the netherworld. Starring: Linda Hamilton as Catherine and Ron Perlman as Vincent.  
10.30 Blue Blood: "Line Line." Henry is hired to protect a key witness against the Mafia.... Starring: Lauren Holly, Albert Forell, Marisa Berenson.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown



## Meridien's annual staff party

Kuwait Meridien Hotel management recently held the annual staff party at Al Jahra Ballroom. All employees and their families graced the affair. Andreas Mettmuller, general manager and Hassan Bayerli, personnel manager offered service certificates to employees who have spent five to 10 years with the hotel. A variety of songs, dances like the Filipino limliking (bamboo dance), Palestinian Dabka contributed mostly by the staff and department heads. The Russian circus rendered a special number to everyone's delight. Raffle of fabulous prizes were given to lucky winners and everyone enjoyed the occasion.

## Farewell party

A farewell party will be held on July 5, Friday, at 6.30 pm, at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites, in honour of the outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha and Mrs Jha. A committee has been formed by representatives of Indian community and the various cultural associations in Kuwait to organise the event. All Indian citizens are invited. For seat reservations contact Indian Arts Circle, Tel 3904817. For details contact the authoriser Stephen Joseph on 3721429.

## Go-Go Club makes its debut



Youngsters swinging it out on the dance floor.



The 'Symphony' sets a carefree mood.



## Fallaka Run

The elevators may fail but guests at the Kuwait International Hotel need not worry about service. In an unusual test of speed, strength and stamina the staff at the KIH put on an excellent performance at the Fallaka Run. Each participant had to run from the lobby level up 19 floors to the Fallaka Restaurant with a glass of drink on a tray. There were 30 participants and each one made it to the top. Sulaiman Abdul Moniem Odeh (pictured) was first who claimed those 426 steps in 2.17 minutes with his drink intact which he presented to a guest with a smile but a pounding heart. Mohamed Dorra came in 2.41 minutes. However, Antony Kingma, Executive Fitness Centre instructor had previously raced to the top in 1.55 minutes during a test run.

## CINEMA

Al Salimiyah Moving  
Al Hamra Cobra Mission II  
Al Andalus Halloween IV  
Drive-In Arabic Film  
Al Firdous  
Mera Shukar  
Starring: Kabir Bedi, Dimple Kapadia  
Fahabeel Open-Air Thodisi Bewafai  
Al Fahabeel Ourbani  
Al Jahra Arabic Film

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Jaha Pharmacy  
Fahd Al Salem St, Awkaf Bldg  
Al Sharq Al Jadeed Pharmacy  
Safat Souk, Opp. Museum  
Hawalli and Nugra  
Al Rehab Pharmacy  
Hawalli, Tunis St  
Salimiyah and Rumaihiya  
Al Rashed Pharmacy  
Rumaihiya, Amman St  
Fahabeel and Al Ansari  
Al Burqan Pharmacy  
Fahabeel, Al Sabah Souk

Farwaniya  
Al Ta'woon Pharmacy  
Main St  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Al Matafi St

## FRIDAY

Kuwait  
Dubai Pharmacy  
Wajif Souk, Al Jazeerah St  
Ibn Rushd Pharmacy  
Duaij Souk, Kuwait Souk Bldg  
Hawalli and Nugra  
Al Jodar Pharmacy  
Hawalli, Tunis St  
Salimiyah and Rumaihiya  
Al Meidan Pharmacy  
Baghdad St  
Fahabeel and Al Ansari  
Al Iman Pharmacy  
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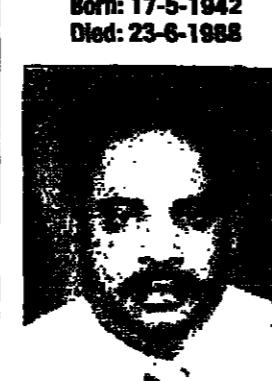
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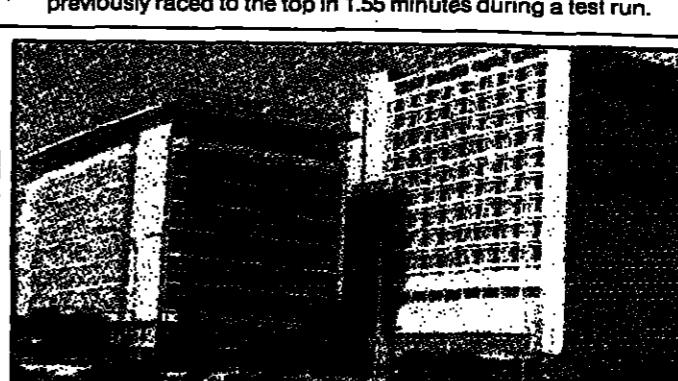
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## Best hotel in Kuwait

The famous publication Euromoney dealing with banking, finance, stock exchange market and financial based in London recently conducted a special survey to determine their readers' choice of the best hotel of some of the world's major destinations in which Kuwait Sheraton was voted the number in Kuwait. The Bahrain Sheraton and the Abu Dhabi Sheraton were also voted as number one in their respective destinations. This is the second time that Kuwait Sheraton was voted number one. The first time being earlier in the year, when the Middle East Economic Digest 'MEED' conducted their reader survey.

## PRAYERS

	FRIDAY
Fajr	3.14 am
Zehr	11.50
Asr	3.24 pm
Maghreb	6.51
Isha	8.23
Fajr	3.14 am
Friday prayers	11.50
Asr	3.24 pm
Maghreb	6.51
Isha	8.23

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Milken heads list of highest earners

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): Indicted financier Michael Milken was the highest-paid Wall Street professional in 1988, earning more than \$180 million as part-time junk bond chief for Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., according to estimates compiled by Financial World magazine.

Milken's earnings, combined with the 1988 income of the rest of Wall Street's top 10 earners, totalled nearly \$1 billion, exceeding the gross national product of some small countries, Financial World said yesterday in releasing its "Wall Street 100" list to be published in its July 11 edition.

Milken was one of two executives in the top 10 — along with Singer Co. chairman Paul Bilzerian — who have been indicted or convicted this year for securities laws violations.

Bilzerian, the takeover strategist who was convicted June 9 for securities fraud unrelated to his 1986 takeover of Singer, was sixth on the list with estimated earnings of at least \$80 million last year.

Gordon Cain, chairman of the petrochemical concern Sterling Group, was second on the list with \$120 million, No. 3 was Henry Kravis, partner in the leveraged buyout firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., who earned "at least" \$10 million, the magazine stated.

Financial World said its estimates, were based on more than three months of research of company documents and interviews of company sources.

Together, the 100 highest-paid people on Wall Street earned \$2.5 billion last year, the magazine said.

Rounding out the top 10 were Kohlberg Kravis partner George Roberts, with \$110 million; investor Robert Bass, of the Bass Brothers of Texas, more than \$100 million; Irwin Jacobs, the investor who heads conglomerate Minstar Inc., more than \$75 million; Michel David-Weill, top partner of the investment bank Lazard Freres and Co. in New York, Paris and London, more than \$65 million; Peter Peterson, chairman of the investment firm Blackstone Group, at least \$50 million; and investor Richard Rainwater, more than \$50 million.

Last year's No. 1, commodities trader Paul Tudor Jones II, fell to number 19 as his earnings dropped from an estimated \$80 million to about \$30 million, the magazine stated.

## War refugees to return to Abadan

NICOSIA, June 21, (Reuter): Residents of Iran's oil refinery city of Abadan and Khorramshahr port, driven from their homes by the war with Iraq, will start returning on Saturday, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

The agency quoted a statement by the Prime Minister's office as saying about 130,000 were expected to have returned to the two cities by September 22, nine years after war which lasted eight years.

Khorramshahr, Iran's biggest commercial port on the Shatt Al Arab river, was practically razed during 19 months of Iraqi occupation early in the war.

Iranian officials said 45,000 houses were damaged in Abadan which was pounded daily by Iraqi artillery.

Up to 10,000 Iranian workers are repairing Abadan's oil refinery which started partial operation in April processing 130,000 barrels of crude oil per day — one-fifth of its pre-war capacity which made it the largest refinery in the world.

The Tehran statement said 24 billion rials (\$20 million) had been allocated for reconstruction projects and public services in the two cities.

Gulf war fighting ended through a UN-arranged ceasefire last August but peace talks have made little progress towards a final settlement.

## Jordan gets EEC grant

AMMAN, June 21, (Reuter): The European Economic Community signed an agreement granting Jordan three million Ecu to study ground water resources in the Azraq basin, in the northeast.

An EEC statement said the money for the three-year project was part of a 100 mln Ecu 1987 to 1991 protocol which stresses aid to Jordan's water and irrigation sector.

## US trade policy flayed

GENEVA, June 21, (AP): US trade policy was sharply criticised for "undermining" the international trade system at a special meeting of the 96-nation group that sponsors trade liberalisation talks, an official said today.

Delegates at a special council session of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade condemned provisions in the 1988 US trade act which call for penalties against countries deemed to be especially protectionist, the GATT official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

And a report submitted by the GATT secretariat to the meeting warned that governments' commitment to the current four-year round of trade-freeing talks was facing its "sternest test."

EEC ambassador Tran Van-Thinh warned the meeting of the "sinking of the

GATT because of an error of US judgement," and said the US Congress should be aware of the "violation of the international laws (of GATT)."

Last month, Washington singled out Japan, Brazil and India for priority action under the so-called 301 section of its trade act because of alleged serious violations against fair trade.

The three countries face 100 per cent tariffs on selected exports to the United States if they do not remove offending barriers to US goods within 18 months.

The United States has also said it will closely watch countries — including some members of the 12-nation European Economic Community — suspected of failing to protect US copyrights and patents.

Brazilian ambassador Rubens Ricupero said the US action "undermines

and puts in jeopardy the whole Uruguay round," and "has already wasted and ruined the precious capital of goodwill built up during the talks."

Indian representative Bal Krishan Zutshi said the implementation of the 301 provisions would "emasculate the multilateral trading system."

Japanese delegate Joshi Hatanaka cited US disregard of the established system within GATT for settling trade disputes.

"To be judge, jury and executioner at the same time is not acceptable," he told the meeting.

The GATT official said Canada, Argentina, Mexico and Hong Kong all voiced concern that the threat of unilateral US action was against the global spirit of the Uruguay round of GATT talks, due to finish at the end of 1991.

Under the GATT system, unilateral retaliatory action against another country can only be taken under very specific conditions.

Brazil and India will also raise the issue at GATT's regular council meeting, which follows the special session, although they are unlikely to make formal complaints because the United States has not yet taken any concrete action against them, the GATT official said.

The regular meeting, continuing through tomorrow, will discuss disputes currently being dealt with by GATT and will receive membership applications from Venezuela and Nepal.

Austria, seeking EEC membership, is expected to announce it will cut tariffs by up to 50 per cent on more than 1,800 products starting next January.



Andrew Marshall (third from left) NBK's executive manager, operations and systems division addresses the press conference. Picture shows from left to right Nabil Hatem, head of marketing development department (NBK), Simon Clements, head of operations and systems division, Marshall and Evan Jorgensen, technical specialist of NBK.

### NBK marks major breakthrough

## Electronic payment service launched

THE National Bank of Kuwait, the oldest and largest bank in Kuwait and a leader in banking in the region, announced the launch of a major new electronic payment service to its customers, the first of its kind in the Middle East.

This new service gives each holder of the NBK Watani Express card the ability to effect payments at the point of sales (co-ops, supermarkets, shops, etc ...) electronically, with the card, using a highly advanced computer system commonly known as EFITS (Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale).

By launching this system at the Safeway store in Farwaniya, yesterday NBK is marking another major advance for Kuwait in the field of banking technology and customer service.

Talking about more details about the service Yacoub Y. Al Fulaij, general manager of the operations and services group of

NBK, said: "The service itself is very simple in concept. A store may have one or more simple computer terminals connected to NBK, and that are used to read the customers' Watani Express cards and check their secret number. The terminal then effects a transfer from the account — automatically, for the exact amount of the bill. As you see, the whole payment operation is effected without currency notes changing hands."

He added: "There are two main advantages actually: firstly, Watani Express cardholders don't have, from now on, to worry about carrying enough cash for payment of bills ... wherever they find a Watani Express counter, their card is as good as money. Secondly, of course, there is the simplicity of the operation..."

Fulaij said: "It is much simpler than, for instance, using an ATM (and these are used by thousands of people every day). We have purposely designed the system to be simple, quick and efficient."

When asked about the security he said: "We have spent more time and effort on security than any other part of this whole project: for a customer to authorise a debit to his account, he must supply his card and enter his PIN number into the system. The card can't be used without knowing the secret number, just like an ATM."

When asked what makes this project important for NBK and Kuwait, he said: "First of all, it's first in Kuwait and the Middle East: we're implementing a brand new concept for Kuwait that is at least as up to date as the best in other countries where the EFITS service is available. Secondly, we have developed the entire system in house at NBK, and proved that the bank's technological ability is of top international quality."

## Dollar sharply lower

### Investors seek guidance

LONDON, June 21, (Reuter): The dollar ended sharply lower in Europe today in the absence of fresh US economic data to support it and rumours of Central Bank intervention, dealers said.

Activity in London's financial markets was reduced to a trickle by a series of transport strikes.

The dollar shed two pence during quiet European trading although it was little changed from yesterday's London close.

The dollar closed in London at 1.9715 West German marks and 144.05 Japanese yen after ending yesterday at 1.9775 and 144.15. Share dealers in London's Stock Exchange said activity had been subdued by the transport strikes and the market closed almost one hour earlier than usual.

Many dealers on the London exchange expect the dollar to consolidate before forging ahead again.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares ended 7.4 points higher at

2,172.2. Wall Street stocks edged up in quiet early business as the market continued a period of calm after recent sharp rises.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 2.65 points higher at 2,475.53 as of noon in New York.

Earlier in Asian trading, Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei Average closed 111.81 points or 0.34 per cent higher at 33,345.28.

Gold firmed a shade in quiet London trading to close at \$366.75 an ounce after \$366.25 yesterday.

Oil prices were little changed in the absence of fresh news to move the market, dealers said.

The international marker crude, North Sea Brent blend, was quoted around \$16.35 a barrel for August loading.

North and the developing South (are) very much intertwined and not one succeeding at the expense of the other," he said.

Technical working groups earlier this week drafted proposals to improve co-operation among the world's poorer nations as well as with the industrialised world and its banks.

Delegates have conceded that Third World development problems are due to their own failed economic policies.

But they also want new efforts by the large commercial banks to reduce their massive debt burden.

Growth in many poorer nations, first held back by the global recession of the 1980s, is now being slowed by the need to spend scarce foreign currency for debt repayment rather than on development projects.

The Ministers are expected to say in a

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## International Bond Highlights

LONDON: IBM Credit Corp., a unit of International Business Machines Corp., is issuing a 250 mln dr Eurobond due July 17, 1992 paying nine per cent and priced at 101.42 pct, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp. said. London: Barclays PLC said it proposes raising 184 mln drs through an issue in the US of fixed rate non-cumulative dollar-denominated preference shares.

Bonn: The West German government has offered Poland the opportunity of repaying a credit signed in 1975 for one billion marks in zlotys, government sources said.

Peking: Delayed foreign loans will hit key sectors of the Chinese economy, but the funds will probably not be withheld for long since the Western world would want a peaceful isolated China, Western diplomats said on Wednesday.

London: Britain's failure to make its debt obligations with the IMF and World Bank is fueling new concern over its willingness to meet future interest payments on foreign debt, bankers and economists said.

Zurich: Cementas Holding AG of Zurich is issuing a convertible bond of around 150 mln Swiss francs with a maximum maturity of eight years and a coupon indicated at 3-1/2 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said.

## MUMBAI

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	88	88	88	MUK. IRON	123	123	126
ACC	315.50	318	318	GNCF	39.25	39.25	40	NAT INDEX	383.28	383.27	
ALM CHEM	--	--	--	GRASIN	115	115.50	116.50	NIPON	56	56	58
ALU HIS	--	--	--	GSCFC	155	156.25	168.75	NOCL	962.50	970	975
ARI FAB	--	--	--	GUJ ALKL	68	68	68	OKRAY	20	19.50	20.50
ASHOK LEY	69	68	71.50	GUJ HEAVY	10	9.50	11	OSVAL AGRO	70	70	74
ASIA PART	195	191.25	210.25	HERO HONDA	22.50	21.50	22	PEICO	19	18	19
ATLAS CORP	42	40	41.50	HIND CIBA	940	945	999	PFIZER	67	66	67
AUTO CORP	73.50	75	75.70	HIND COCOA	108	107.50	108.75	PONDS	197.50	199	199
BAJAJ AUTO	376.25	377.50	382.50	HIND LEVER	90.50	91	91.0	PREW AUTO	52	51.50	52.50
BAR RAYON	482.50	490	492.50	HIND MOTOR	38.75	39	38.75	RANBAXY	97.50	96.25	100
BK BOND	148	147	149	HINDALCO	290	291.25	293	RAY WOOL	80	78.75	80
BLOW PLAST	--	--	--	HOECHST	740	745	740	RECKITT	207.50	205	207.50
BON DYE	133	134	135	IND ORG	36	36.50	39.50	RELATION	123	123	124
BSE INDEX	732.08	736.27	737.27	IND RAYON	81.50	81.50	82.25	SESA GDA	42.50	42	42.50
BURR WEL	185	180	185	INDROL	307.50	313.75	315	SRIKI FIR	86	84.50	86
CANSHARE	--	180	180	INGERSOLL	405	400	410	SIEMENS	72	70	72
CEN ENKA	2620	2635	2690	ITC	116	115	123	SKF	1370	1330	1350
CEN SPG	1895	1925	1955	JK SYN	75	74.50	75.50	SPIC	55	55	56.25
COLGATE	326.25	327.50	327.50	KIN ENGE	185	183	186.25	ST MILLS	280	270	290
CROMT GR	1200	1225	1235	KIR CLMM	75	72.50	74.50	TATA CHM	119.50	119.50	120.5
DCM	11.50	10	10.50	KSB PUMPS	405	405	407.50	TATA OIL	58.75	55	57.50
DEEP FERT	33.50	32.50	33.50	L AND T	84	83.50	85	TATA POW	320	320	340
DUNLOP	78	76	78	LIPTON	73.50	73	73.50	TELCO	847.50	881.25	910
EI HOTELS	66.50	55	58	MAC RUSSEL	103.50	100	102	THAPP AGRO	77	77	77
ESCOND	67	66	67.50	MAD COATS	--	103	105	TISSO	1390	1400	1440
ESKAYEF	131.25	131.25	133.75	MAHINDRA	97	96	99	VAM ORG	164	163	165.50
ESSAR SPG	22.25	22.75	22.50	MAS SHARE	18.35	18.25	18.65	VARELI	23.75	23.75	23.75
FOOD SPL	377.50	377.50	377.50	MICO	640	635	650	VOLTAS	810	810	835
FORBES	51	50	53	MILKFOOD	217.50	210	215	WINDO	20	20.50	20
GAR POLY EST	69	68.50	68.50	MODI	85	84	87.50	SUNTRI	57	55	58
GE SHIP	40.25	40.50	42.25	MRF LTD	380	370	375	ZUARI AGRO	75	73	75

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## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1460	1400	NITSUB EL	1200	1190	NITSUB EST	2290	2230
AEG	212.0	212.0	212.0	AJJINOMOTO	2650	2600	2700	NITSUB RVY	1200	1180		
ALLIANZ V8	1863.00	1868.00	1868.00	AKAI ELEC	808	818	818	NITSU CO	1040	1010		
BADEMERK	223.0	224.0	224.0	AOKI	1320	1320	1320	NITSUKOSHI	2230	2150		
BASFSE	315.5	314.8	314.8	ASARI GLS	2370	2400	2400	NITCHICON	1800	1800		
BAVIER	311.8	312.8	312.8	ASAHY OPT	920	918	918	NITCHI SEC	1120	1130		
BRIDGESTON	387.5	390.0	390.0	BANK TOKYO	1650	1650	1650	NIKON CHNT	1740	1700		
CANON	440.0	440.0	440.0	CASIO COMP	1460	1430	1430	NIKKO SEC	1950	1950		
CHUGAI PHM	566.5	564.0	564.0	CHUGAI PHM	1710	1690	1690	NIP KOKAN	823	806		
COMMERZBK	251.8	251.0	251.0	CITIZEN W	1180	1170	1170	NIP OIL	1370	1370		
CONTI GUM	302.5	301.5	301.5	D-ICHI KAN	3290	3220	3220	NIP STEEL	835	824		
DAIMER BEN	725.0	701.0	701.0	DAI NIP IK	879	879	879	NIP YUSEN	987	970		
DEUTSC BNK	575.0	574.0	574.0	DAI NIP PT	2280	2240	2240	NIS MOTOR	1590	1590		
DLW	544.0	549.0	549.0	DAI NIP SC	1330	1330	1330	NOMURA SEC	3150	3100		
DRESDNER B	328.0	329.0	329.0	DAI NIP TO	920	912	912	NIKKO CO	1370	1400		
DT BABCOCK	200.0	199.5	199.5	DAICEL	1110	1130	1130	OLYMPUS	1530	1550		
F&G INDEX	615.00	614.50	614.50	DAIGA K	1720	1700	1700	OPENTA OCN	4320	4330		
FELDMEYER	370.0	371.50	371.50	DATA SEC	2100	2100	2100	PIONEER	3710	3760		
GOLDSCHMID	427.5	424.5	424.5	EBRA MFG	2480	2490	2490	RENOWN	1100	1070		
HARPER	455.0	455.0	455.0	EISAI	1940	1940	1940	RICOH	1310	1310		
HOECHST AG	301.5	304.5	304.5	FUTSU	1560	1560	1560	SANKYO	2450	2390		
HOESCH	280.0	282.0	282.0	FUJI BANK	3370	3360	3360	SANYO ELEC	950	930		
HORTEN	261.0	260.0	260.0	FUJI PHOTO	4130	4220	4220	SEIYU ST	2150	2160		
HUSSEL HLD	610.0	614.0	614.0	FUJISAWA	1730	1710	1710	SEKISUI PB	1960	1950		
KALI SALZ	223.2	228.5	228.5	FUJITA CP	1760	1750	1750	SHARP	1500	1500		
KARSTADT	555.0	559.0	559.0	HITACHI	1640	1610	1610	SHISEIDO	1680	1700		
KAUFHOF	519.0	525.0	525.0	HONDA MOT	1940	1970	1970	SONY	7790	7770		
KLOECK H	198.0	191.5	191.5	ISETAN	2450	2470	2470	SUMITOMO	1290	1290		
KLOECK W												

## BUSINESS

# Service training centre planned

TOYOTA CITY, June 21: In a move to strengthen its high-tech servicing capabilities in the Middle East, Toyota Motor Corporation has announced that it will open a new service training centre in Bahrain. Construction of the Toyota Service Training Centre (provisional name) is under way at a 3.880m<sup>2</sup> site in the outskirts of Manama and is scheduled to be completed in early 1990.

The centre, which calls for an investment of \$3.4 million, will provide training in the latest vehicle technologies and diagnostic skills to technicians of Toyota's distributors and fleet owners in the region.

With a total floor space of 1,440<sup>2</sup>, the centre will be equipped with a workshop and lecture room for service training, along with the latest facilities, diagnostic equipment, and training materials for today's sophisticated automobiles.

Included will be chassis dynamometer and fuel-injection pump test facilities, as well as electronic diagnosis equipment, engine analyser, four-wheel alignment tester, tyre uniformity machine, auto-visual equipment, and other state-of-the-art equipment.

In recent years, electronics and other new high-tech equipment in automobiles have brought about the need for higher levels of knowledge and skills in vehicle servicing and diagnosis.

Toyota hopes the new centre will help meet this need and at the same time further improve the company's service training capabilities in the Middle East.

## Exchange wavers near collapse

ATHENS, Greece, June 21, (AP): The Athens Stock Exchange edged back slightly today after teetering on the brink of collapse due to the instability caused by Sunday's hung general election.

At today's bell, its general index of 30 stocks was up by 1.4 per cent from yesterday, closing at 296.02. 6.88 per cent down on its pre-election close of 317.88.

"The rise is not so much of a recovery but a reflection of the unease among investors," said a stock analyst, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Yesterday, the first working day after the election, the general index fell by 8.16 per cent. Traders, jittery about the country's economy, dumped stocks massively, forcing the exchange administration to stop some trading.

A drop of that size could be called a collapse. It could have been much worse if we didn't have intervention," the analyst said.

Mutual fund companies, banks and institutional investors bought heavily yesterday and discreetly today, to prop up plummeting shares.

The political crisis caused by the failure of the conservative New Democracy Party to win a majority in the 300-member parliament also sent the index of 14 banks plummeting by 9.8 per cent yesterday. It recovered by 1.87 per cent today.

"There is a very bad mood in the financial community right now and a feeling that we've entered a period of long-term stability," said Athens financial consultant Ilias Tsotakos.

## Farmers stage protest rally

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, June 21, (AP): Some 20,000 Yugoslav farmers staged a protest rally in Novi Sad, capital of the bread-basket province of Vojvodina, demanding more government investments in agriculture, the state Tanjug news agency reported today.

Savo Ivancevic, president of the official socialist alliance of Vojvodina, which called the rally, complained that the guaranteed purchase price for wheat set by the federal government was too low, and demanded that speedy investments be made by the government in agriculture.

The socialist alliance is a mass organisation active all across Yugoslavia and open to non-communists. Although controlled by the ruling Communist Party, it has recently begun showing some independence of the party.

Yugoslavia has been striving to achieve an annual wheat crop of 6.2 million tons to become self-sufficient, but yearly yields in recent years have been behind target.

# US economy seen avoiding recession

NEW YORK, June 21, (Reuter): After 6-1/2 years of growth, the US economy looks headed for a soft landing without the usual post-boom recession, economists say.

But they warn that, despite a year of efforts by the US Federal Reserve (central bank) to halt rising inflation, the prospects for a gentle easing remain fraught with danger.

"The chances of getting there are not bad, but also far from a sure thing," said Francis Schott, chief economist at the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Schott said he believes the Fed's chances for the so-called soft landing, or a slowdown to non-inflationary growth without sinking into a recession, were no more than 50-50.

What makes it possible, he said, is that annual inflation, now running at 5.1 per cent did not appear as ingrained this time as it has been in past expansions.

Several hurdles complicate the Fed's task. The dollar's recent rise to 2-1/2 year highs last week before easing back on June 15, could stall export growth by making US goods dearer.

Also the imprecision of monetary policy makes it hard to gauge long-term effects of small changes in interest rates.

After a year of increasingly tight money Fed officials have

## Trade competitiveness committee launched

### Council to review federal laws

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): President George Bush's committee to enhance US trade competitiveness was launched yesterday with Vice-President Dan Quayle promising to shore up US interest against the coming consolidation of European markets.

The vice-president, who heads Bush's New Council on Competitiveness, said the European Economic Community's plan to restructure economies into a single European market by 1992 has caused much concern in US business circles.

"I share some of those concerns, but fundamentally EEC-92 is both a challenge and an

opportunity for the United States," he said in a speech to the National Foreign Trade Council of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Quayle said the theme of the new council will be US-92. Its goals will be to review federal laws to ensure they do not unfairly restrict US companies against European competitors; "to ensure US access to, and fair competition in, the single European market"; and to reevaluate policies on deregulation of financial institutions and anti-trust restrictions, he said.

US industries complain that anti-trust measures prevent them from competing fairly

because European countries are not restrained by the same stiff standards.

Quayle said many of the antitrust policies are "anachronistic in this age of global competition."

Quayle said that the US-92 plan will "promote policies that lead to economic growth, that create opportunity, and that maximize returns from our many and various resources."

"It will continue to remove impediments to the smooth functioning of free markets, domestically and abroad, recognising that free enterprise has made the United States the most prosperous nation in the world."

began to ease their grip on credit in hopes that economic growth has been curbed enough to bring down inflation.

But economists say the risk remains that the Fed's easing is premature and could permit a price spiral to develop, leading to higher interest rates further down the line.

"Monetary policy is just not that precise," said Cynthia

Latta, a senior financial economist at Data Resources Inc.

"Money is the one thing the Federal Reserve can control. And it does have an effect on the economy," Latta said. "But that relationship varies over time."

Unfortunately for the Fed, history is not on its side when it comes to negotiating soft landings. The post-World War Two odds have been running at about

30 per cent.

According to Geoffrey Moore, director of the Centre for International Business Cycle Research at Columbia University, the economy has gone into recession seven times since 1948, while achieving a successful slowdown on just three occasions.

"Soft landing is a temporary condition that is likely before

recession, rather than renewed growth," said Richard Stuckey, chief economist at the Du Pont Co.

A series of indicators — including industrial output, job growth, auto sales, housing starts, money supply and retail sales — all suggest the economy is indeed slowing with few signs of recession on the horizon.

Business inventories generally are below excessive levels, while strong exports and business remain supportive.

To get a soft landing and lower inflation, Columbia's Moore said, growth must fall below the long-run trend rate. He said this is about 2.7 per cent, the average for the decade to 1986.

"It does look like the economy might get down into that kind of range. The problem is preventing it from falling much below that and becoming a negative growth rate, which would mean recession," he said. "Real recessions often started with a slowdown in growth," he added.

As of the end of May, the economy had expanded for 78 months — the longest US peacetime expansion since records were first kept in 1854. First-quarter growth was 4.3 per cent — or 1.8 per cent excluding the effect of last summer's drought.

# Strike chaos hits UK commuters

## Inflation at 8.3pc

LONDON, June 21, (Reuter): Millions of Britons struggled to work today when 24-hour strikes paralysed the national rail network and all public transport to a halt in London.

The longest day of the year was marked by the biggest strike wave of the year. It was the first national railway shutdown since 1982 and London bore the brunt of the chaos, with its underground trains and most buses also hit by pay stoppages.

Traffic congestion built up early in major cities across the country as commuters took to the roads. Others resorted to bicycles or simply walked to work.

It was the first time London had been hit by a simultaneous stoppage of trains, underground railways and buses since the general strike of 1926.

Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaysmen, said travellers would face further disruption if state-owned British Rail did not improve the seven per cent pay offer it has imposed on workers.

"Until we get some movement from BR I think it is inevitable that more action will be planned," he said.

One desperate commuter used a skateboard to beat the strike.

"I heard a rumbling noise and then suddenly this chap — complete with pin-striped suit and briefcase — whizzed past on a skateboard," said city dealer Claude Brown, who walked to work.

The strikes are the latest in a series of disputes to hit Britain, where workers have felt squeezed by inflation at 8.3 per cent, one of the highest

in the industrialised world.

Railwaymen and London's bus and underground train drivers have already staged lightning strikes and overtime bans over pay in recent months, but not all on the same day.

In the capital, hotels were packed and companies sought to beat the strikes by putting up workers overnight.

Cabs and taxi companies reported booming business, but many people eased the congestion by simply staying at home to enjoy the sunshine.

Others struggled in by road to find car parks overflowing and no chance of any lifting of tough parking restrictions.

## Damage not seen lasting

# China hit by loan delay

BEIJING, June 21, (Reuter): Delayed foreign loans following the Beijing violence will hit key sectors of the Chinese economy but funds will not be withheld for long because the West does not want a poor, isolated China, diplomats said.

The Western envoys said railways, ports, energy and other projects in weak sectors of the economy, where demand greatly exceeds supply, would be worst hit.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry announced yesterday that it would delay restoring official aid following the June 4 Army crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

Japan is the biggest donor of official aid to China. A spokesman at the Beijing embassy said he did not know what sums would be affected.

The World Bank has said it is delaying a decision on loans worth \$450.2 million until after a current fact-finding mission by Shahid Burki, head of its China department.

The bank has more than 70

projects worth \$8 billion in China.

The importance of this money to China was vividly illustrated by the lead item in today's main evening news bulletin — Burki being briefed by Vice-Premier Yao Yili.

"Our co-operation has been very fine and fruitful and has been very effective over the years," Yao said.

"We hope these ties will be enhanced in the future."

The situation is now stable and China is fully capable of fulfilling the agreements and contracts signed with the World Bank and foreign countries."

A Western diplomat said the money from the World Bank and Japan went to the weakest sectors of the economy where low profitability discouraged Chinese firms from investing — railways, ports, roads, energy, agriculture and steel.

"These are the problems areas in the economy, where shortages are worsening," he said.

Meanwhile, the official media intensified campaigns to justify

capital needed to invest in them."

Official Japanese figures show that, from 1979 until April 1988, Japan provided \$12.9 billion in official development assistance, accounting for 81 per cent of China's loan agreements with countries and international bodies.

A second diplomat said the loans would probably be resumed by September because the Western nations and Japan did not want China to become an economic pariah internationally.

"China has already become a player in the world economy, with foreign debt of about \$40 billion and being a major exporter and importer of certain commodities," he said.

"If China is cut off from the capitalist world, how will it repay its foreign debt? How will it earn foreign exchange to import the grain, steel, fertiliser, iron ore and wood it needs?"

"The West does not want another Poland or Argentina."

Meanwhile, the official media intensified campaigns to justify

the imposition of martial law and blame the unrest on insufficient ideological control and rampant Western influences.

A major news analysis in the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily, read in full over radio throughout the morning, said the student's pro-democracy movement became a riot in part because the students blindly admired Western-style democracy.

"They took in large amounts of Western ideas and culture, but they couldn't digest them: bourgeois liberalism overflowed and this was exacerbated by their blind admiration of bourgeois democracy," the paper said.

The China Youth News demanded that young people be taught to oppose bourgeois liberalism, the government's code word for Western influence.

The latest issue of the Peking Review includes a lengthy justification of martial law which said "a small number of people" had conspired as early as the end of 1988 to create turmoil.

Meanwhile, the official media intensified campaigns to justify



## Advanced technology

While video phones now transmit black and white still photos, this unit by Panasonic on display at an advanced technology exhibit in Tokyo recently, transmits movement in colour. The phone is still several years away from being ready to market. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Strict supervision

# Drexel, SEC settlement approved

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): A federal judge yesterday approved an unprecedented civil securities fraud settlement between the government and Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., placing the Wall Street firm under strict supervision and barring it from dealing with its former junk bond financier Michael Milken.

Approval of the pact by US district judge Milton Pollack clears the way for Drexel to plead guilty to six felonies and pay a record \$650 million to settle separate criminal charges with the Justice Department.

The settlement was reached in April but was held up by lengthy legal challenges by Milken's attorneys that reached the Supreme Court. Milken alleged Pollack had a conflict of interest and should have been removed from the case.

In a brief hearing at a federal court in lower Manhattan, Pollack said that after "careful study" he granted the joint request by Drexel and the SEC to approve the proposed settlement.

The SEC charged Drexel last fall with insider trading and other securities frauds involving more than 20 takeovers and other investment deals between 1984 and 1986.

As part of the settlement, Drexel neither admitted nor denied having committed the alleged crimes.

The settlement does not include separate civil charges by the SEC against Milken, the former head of Drexel's junk bond division who resigned from the firm last week. Milken also has been indicted on criminal fraud and racketeering charges stemming from his activities at Drexel.

"This settlement will bring to a close 2 1/2 years of difficult years for Drexel, its employees and its clients," Drexel lawyer Thomas Curnin said in court.

US District Judge Kimba Wood now is expected to begin considering the deal reached in December over the criminal case against Drexel by the Manhattan US attorney's office.

The SEC pact marks another milestone in the government's three-year investigation of white-collar corruption on Wall Street that began with former Drexel executive Dennis Levine and led to arbitrator Ivan Boesky, who paid \$100 million to settle civil insider trading charges with the SEC.

Boesky's confessions led the government to Drexel, which agreed to settle in part because of the possibility of a broad racketeering indictment that could have put the nation's fifth-largest securities firm out of business.

## Extension approved

### Petroleum reserve

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): The House of Representatives yesterday approved a limited, eight-month extension of the strategic petroleum reserve, the nation's oil reservoir in the event of a repeat of the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo.

On a voice vote, the House authorised the Energy Department to continue filling the reserve with 60,000 to 78,000 barrels of oil daily through next

# Mammals: the most advanced animals in the world

**MAMMALS** are the most advanced group of animals. They are warm-blooded animals; they are generally covered in fur, most keep their young inside them until they are quite well developed; and they suckle their young after they are born.

The mammals evolved from a group of reptiles called the Therapsids. The earliest mammals were small and shrew-like. They lived at the same time as the last of the large dinosaurs. When the dinosaurs became extinct, mammals were able to spread and fill all the habitats that had previously been occupied by reptiles. By 50 million years ago, 28 different orders (groups) of mammals existed. But by 5 million years ago, 10 of these orders had become extinct, leaving the 18 orders of mammals that exist today.

Most primitive and most intelligent

The two most primitive groups of mammals are the monotremes and the marsupials. But the true mammals began with the insectivores (insect eaters). The earliest members of this group gave rise to the rest of the mammals. Modern insectivores include shrews, moles, and hedgehogs.

The most closely related order to the insectivores is that of the primate. Some of the members of this group are very intelligent. Man, the most intelligent of the primates, is now the most successful animal in the world, although he began to evolve only about 15 million years ago. The other primates include the lemurs, lorises, tarsiers, monkeys, and apes.

The bats belong to an order by themselves. They

are the only mammals that fly by flapping their wings. The other 'flying' mammals, such as the flying squirrel, only glide and soar.

The flying lemur is the only living member of its group. All the rest are extinct. The folds of skin between its front and hind limbs form a kind of parachute, which it uses to glide from tree to tree.

The edentates are the armadillos, sloths, and

ant-eaters. Armadillos have bony plates in their skin, which gives them armoured protection. Ant-eaters have long snouts and tongues for scooping up ants. In contrast, the sloths have short, rounded snouts. They live in trees, hanging from the branches by their claws.

The scaly ant-eaters, or pangolins, belong to a separate order. Their bodies are covered in horny scales. They are all nocturnal (active by night), and eat ants and termites. Some of them live in open grassland, others are able to climb trees.

After man, rodents are the next most successful animals in the world. There are over 2000 species. The main characteristic of a rodent is two pairs of sharp growing teeth, or incisors, at the front of the mouth. All rodents spend most of their time gnawing, and their name comes from the Latin word rodere, which means to gnaw. Among the rodents there are many varieties of rat. Beavers, mice, porcupines, and squirrels are also rodents. Rabbits and hares, although they are similar to rodents, belong to a different order, the lagomorphs.

There are two orders of carnivores (meat-eating)

animals, the Carnivora and the Cetacea. The Cetacea are all mammals that have become adapted to life in water. They include the whales, dolphins, and porpoises. Although these animals resemble fishes, they have most of the characteristics of mammals. They give birth to live young, and then suckle them. The Carnivora include dogs, cats, bears, weasels, otters, civets, mongooses, seals, and sea-lions.

Hoofed mammals

Hoofed mammals (or ungulates) belong to two large orders, the artiodactyls and the perissodactyls. Hoofed mammals all walk on the tips of their toes. Artiodactyls have an even number of toes; perissodactyls have an odd number of toes. Ungulates are herbivores (plant eaters), and they have developed several methods of protection from carnivorous (meat-eating) animals. Some are swift runners, some have excellent camouflage colouring, and others have thick skin that are difficult to penetrate. The artiodactyls include pigs, hippopotamuses, camels, deer, giraffes, cattle, goats, and sheep. The perissodactyls include horses and rhinoceroses.

Elephants are related to

the ungulates, but belong to a separate order. Conies, or hyraxes, are also related to ungulates. They are small herbivorous animals that live in a similar way to rabbits. Another ungulate relative is the aardvark, which is the only living member of its order. The last living order of mammals is the Sirenia, or sea cows. These herbivorous animals live in water. They include the dugongs.

Mammals that lay eggs

MOST mammals keep their young inside their bodies until they are born. But there is one group of mammals that lay eggs in the same way as reptiles. From the eggs the young hatch. These monotremes, as they are called, are in other ways like mammals: they are warm-blooded, have fur, and suckle their young. All mammals originally evolved from reptiles. Monotremes have merely retained some of their reptilian habits.

There are two kinds of monotremes, the duck-billed platypus and the echidnas, or spiny anteaters. The platypus is found only in southern Australia, where it lives in lakes and streams. The female lays her eggs in a burrow in the bank of the stream. She keeps them

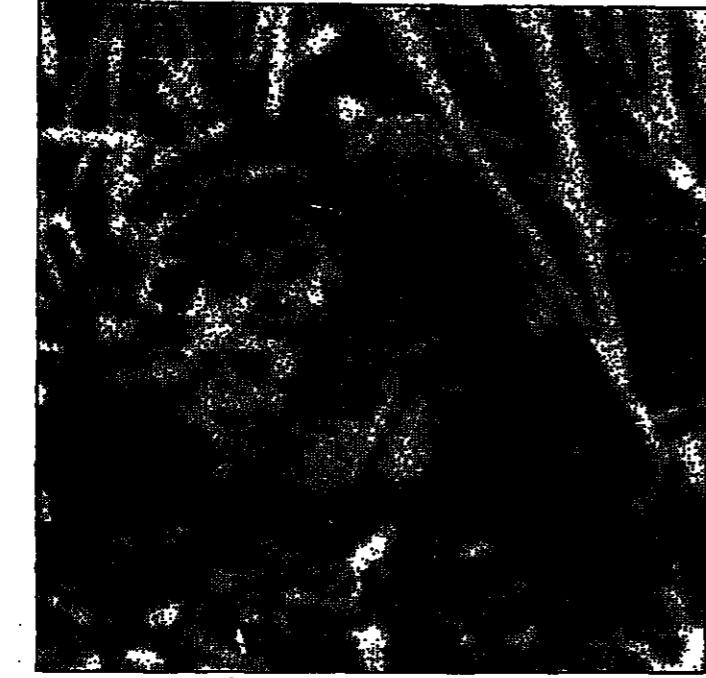


A young calf takes a feed of milk from its mother. A mother's milk is the perfect food for her babies, for it contains all the necessary materials in just the right amounts.

developed. Marsupials, on the other hand, give birth to young which are tiny and not very developed. Until they have developed further, they have to live in the mother's pouch.

Kangaroos are probably the best-known marsupials. At birth the young kangaroo is only 2 to 3 cm long. It manages to crawl through the mother's fur and climb into the pouch.

Continued next week



Above: The field vole or short-tailed vole is a very common grassland rodent. Voles differ from mice in having much shorter ears and blunter snouts.

## Word search

### AROUND THE ZOO

O	C	E	L	O	T	G	O	R	F
R	A	E	B	E	O	T	T	E	R
I	R	O	V	S	S	H	E	E	P
S	A	I	P	T	T	A	M	D	I
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I	M	A	S	A	E	A	E	R	O
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T	K	R	L	L	R	E	R	G	P
E	A	B	I	R	I	I	E	O	I
W	Y	E	O	R	A	N	C	H	H
E	E	Z	N	A	P	M	I	H	C

Clue: Striped 'cat' (5 letters)

## Fun in the kitchen

### INGREDIENTS

150g (6 oz) caster sugar  
150g (6 oz) margarine  
150g (6 oz) self-raising flour  
3 eggs (size 2-3)  
1 tablespoonful cocoa dissolved in 1 tablespoonful hot water

### EQUIPMENT

2 x 18 cm (7 in) or 20cm (8 in) sandwich tins  
1 Put oven on at Gas Mark 4 (electricity 350°F/180°C).  
2 Follow the method for either the all-in-one or the creamed mixture.  
3 Add the cocoa and mix well.  
4 Share the mixture between the two tins and put in the oven.  
5 Bake for 25-30 minutes.  
6 Turn out onto a wire rack and allow to cool.

### Decoration

### INGREDIENTS

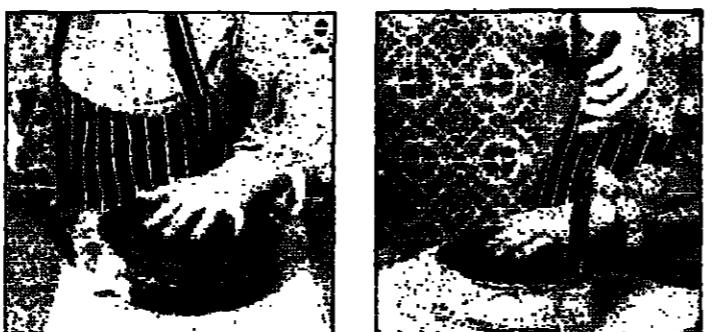
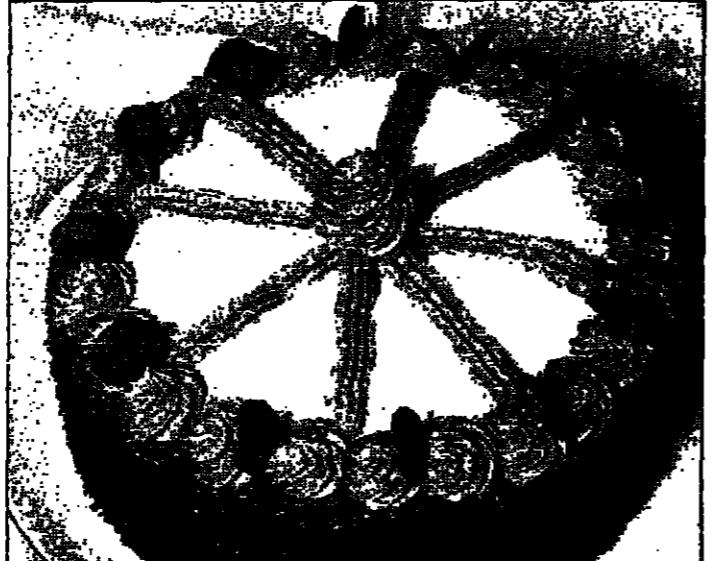
300g (12 oz) icing sugar  
150g (6 oz) butter  
1 tablespoonful hot water  
100g-150g (4 oz-6oz) chocolate vermicelli (sugar strands), chocolate buttons or chocolate flake

### EQUIPMENT

Basin  
Wooden spoon  
Knife  
Icing bag  
Number 8 or number 14 icing nozzle  
Greaseproof paper  
Plate

1. Sift icing sugar into a basin and add butter. Cream them both together. Add the liquid cocoa and mix well.  
2. Sandwich the two cakes together with a small amount of the butter icing.  
3. Spread some of the icing around the sides.  
4. Place the vermicelli onto greaseproof paper and using both hands, one on top and one on the base, turn the cake around so that the sides become covered in the sugar strands.  
5. Place on a serving plate and sprinkle the top of the cake

with icing sugar.  
6. Put the remaining icing in an icing bag fitted with a number 8 or 14 nozzle.  
7. Pipe a border round the cake top, then take the icing across from side to side finishing with a swirl in the middle. Add chocolate buttons or chocolate flake for decoration.



## Happy birthday

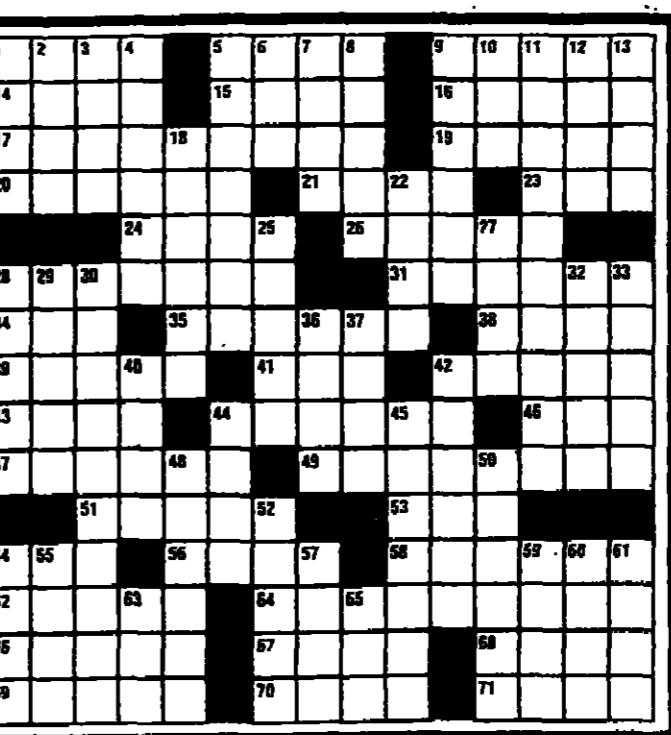


Majda R'az celebrated her 8th birthday last week. Many happy returns and best wishes from family, relatives and friends.

Solutions to Tuesday's crosswords

SITAR	HALLER	RASE
WILLE	ALIVINE	FITAI
ITEM	SALEM	WILD
GIOCARIS	RESOLVE	BAE
WALKINGSTICK	DAINTER	REND
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Pakistan's disco sensation disappoints Indian fans, media

## Pop singer blows hot... and cold

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

AFTER many rumours and a lot of mystery surrounding him, the *Hawa Hawa* boy Hassan Jehangir finally paid a visit to India and its film capital Bombay. But when this pop singer of Pakistan went back, he did not leave behind a good impression or a lingering feeling.

Much before he came, his two songs *Hawa Hawa* and *At Jaana, dil hai diwan* had become a rage in India, although none of his other numbers were even modestly popular. Super Cassettes owned by Gulshan Kumar of Delhi were quick to cash in on the craze, and issued a cassette with 13 of his songs entitled *Beat Music: Disco Leader, Hassan Jehangir '89*.

Indian composers and producers who sometimes think that the term copyright means the right to copy were also quick in using the catchy *Hawa* tune to turn out half a dozen numbers, for different films including *Billoo Badshah*.

Then there were wild and silly rumours, especially among the younger folk that Hassan had either died or had been killed. Thus the news of his India trip was received first with doubt, and then with joyful expectation. Even on the day of his arrival, there were stories of an air crash. But he landed safe and sound, with an airport welcome by young composers Nadeem and Shravan. Another rumour was that he had one false eye.

Bombay then went on a spree playing his hit songs at various functions and public places. *Hawa Hawa* was all the air everywhere and it seemed the fever would grip a majority of people in the megapolis. But Hassan's own attitude soon began to blow away all the pleasant breeze. His friend and manager in Bombay, Babu Sharif, did nothing to improve his image, nor the few other people surrounding him. They managed to offend the press as well as the public.

The first blow came at a hastily called press conference. While busy journalists sat twiddling their thumbs, Hassan was more than two hours late. Some of the press people had made an exit by then. Questions were answered by Hassan in a perfidious evasive way, not satisfying anybody and exposing his broken English. He referred to Bappi Lahiri as *Some Laher Laher*. He was not clear as to what action would be taken for the copyright of *Hawa Hawa*.

The next fiasco occurred at his first-ever concert arranged at an open air hall in the crowded Dadar area. The show was at 7 pm, but Hassan came three hours late. The audience had grown restless and the place looked almost vacant. When Hassan arrived, the gates had to be reopened for all and sundry to get a crowd. Then he sang till the late hours, with the free audience whistling and shouting. Many people wondered why Hassan was always so late, when he had come to Bombay specifically for this purpose and had nothing else to do. The worst straw



Hassan Jehangir: blow hot, blow cold

came when another programme arranged four days later at the huge Shannukhan Hall was cancelled.

His fans gave him up as an unlikeable and moody chap. His voice was also found to uneven and dry, when heard at close quarters. Possibly *Hawa Hawa* had become a freak hit due to the tune and the alluring female chorus of the Salma sisters. The film industry folks did not bother about Hassan. Except for Nadeem Shravan recording *Apna ka to dil hai aware* at studio beat recording room for Munna Rizvi's "Solah Satrah", no other composer used Hassan's voice, although Anna Malik provided an orchestra for his programme. Next time, perhaps, Pakistan should send a better cultural ambassador.

Jackie Shroff



## Jackie: I am choosey

- Q. It seems you are back in reckoning after "Ram Lakhan"?  
A. Yes, though it was not expected. In advance previews it was said that I had a serious and small role.  
Q. In any case, Anil Kapoor has got away with the plum praise and "paise".  
A. Well. Depends on the way you look at it. Some people have liked me more, as the sober sensible guy.  
Q. Do you feel that only your tie-up with Anil will bring you super success?  
A. Not necessarily. I have had solo hits before. Even now I am doing films which show excellent signs, like *Gang*, *Angara* and *Kaal Bazar*.  
Q. But, you were not exactly loaded with films after *Ram Lakhan*?  
A. I did not accept some offers like those from Shekhar Kapoor for *Dushman* and *Properly*. You may say, in that sense, I am copying Anil.  
Q. But was there some other reason for your leaving Bokadia's new film *Kaam Sami Farajad*?  
A. What?  
Q. Anupam Kher was in the film? Did you have a tiff with his wife?  
A. No, no. The reason was the mini guest role that was offered to me. The small argument with Kher's wife Kiran Thakur Singh did occur, for a different reason. I was shooting in some bad risky areas of old Delhi for *Parinda*. At a late hour, Kiran came there bringing my wife Ayesha, at which I got angry. Kiran told me that I should behave. My answer was a bit harsh, but necessary.  
Q. Then, is that the reason why Anupam Kher has kept away from *Angaar* after signing it?  
A. That is between him and director Shashikil Nayar. He was first given the role of the police commissioner and then asked to play the Mafia Don. He refused. How do I come into it?  
Q. The financier of *Angaar* is said to have backed out. And now you are backing the film, with your money?  
A. After the big "basti" set, one financier decided to withdraw. But Shashikil found another good backer. Please put it on record, I never finance films in which I act.

## Behind the Screen

The most confidential by-pass heart surgery was performed on doyen Dilip Kumar, some time back in London. Even the "fil-mavals" did not get a whiff of it. Dilip has now recuperated, but his doctor denies all this. Composer R. D. Burman also had a heart attack. But people were told that he was busy with income-tax problems. Yet the secret was out within a few days.

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Little Neelam is also growing too big for her boots (and dresses). On the one hand her weight is not helping her in getting roles as a top mature heroine. On the other she is giving up films by directors who are unsuccessful. She did it to Sisir Mishra of *Billoo Badshah*. During the shooting of his film *Khoon Jawab Dega*, she pretended that a stuntman misbehaved with her and left the film. Can't these stars be bound down by a tight contract or an insurance threat?

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Veteran A. K. Hangal attending a silly awards function was asked to hand over a trophy to gas-bag Jankidas. Hangal refused not knowing that he would raise a storm. Jankidas got

his supporters to write letters to editors condemning Hangal, calling him arrogant, and an upstart etc, compared to the so-called veteran Jankidas. People should know that the number of years spent in the industry doing routine bit roles cannot compare with high artistry shown in a few films even at a ripe age.

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Randhir and Rajeet Kapoor are at war again, not over the *Henna* role but at the use of the R.K. banner for Rajeet's own production. Not having any acting jobs on hand, R.K.'s youngest son wants to re-start *Prem Granth*. He already has a company called Champion Films. But he wants the famous R.K. banner to present the film. And big brother has put his big foot down.

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Posters screaming *Chunky Pandey ka boycott* cropped up all over the suburb, at the time one of his releases. It meant nothing more than putting Chunky in big bold letters and getting indirect publicity. Why should anyone call for a boycott of Chunky? Still his family blamed the whole thing on Govind.

## Star quotes... star quotes...

Anupam Kher: In the film industry they give you lots of chances, if you have proved successful in the past. They think you might do it again. That's why, the same people keep trying. Otherwise, all those come-backs would be unthinkable.

Sri Devi: I don't prepare for any role these days. The director just gives you a briefing on the set itself and then you are leading for yourself. You have just a few minutes left to look into the character. So where is the question of preparing?

Amita Singh: Sri Devi has got

that look which gets the chavani cinegoers by their ... you know what. I don't have a round face, false eye-lashes etc, like a commercial heroine. So I don't figure in the game of number 1, number 2 etc.

Raakhee: Once an air-hostess who had been harassed by Raj Kumar hit all his three wigs. For three days he could not come out of the hotel room. Then a frantic call to London brought a fresh wig and he attended his shooting.

## The Art Buchwald Column

### Stood up

she had already left for the evening.

In those days, corsages did not grow on trees — nor did tickets to the Paramount Theater on Broadway. We're talking about five bucks for the entire package, but they were 1940 dollars, worth about \$100,000 today.

Yet, no matter how cruel the rejection, the last thing I would have done in that distant time and place would have been to sue the girl who wasn't there. The fact is I respected her for seeing through me, and for giving me a lower opinion of myself than I had ever had before.

It just wasn't in teenagers to seek out a lawyer's help to resolve our lovers' quarrels. Most of us didn't even know a lawyer, which is more than can be said for the affluent kids of today, who usually have one attorney living on either

side of them.

Instead of taking our case to court, we suffered — sometimes for weeks and, if it was serious enough, even a month. We wove fantasies in which we went off to join the Navy, came back in uniform and then refused to dance with the girl who had broken our heart. We never wanted monetary satisfaction — we only wanted the one who had wronged us to weep tears and beg forgiveness.

Those of us who grew up in the '40s, '50s and even '60s did not wish for a black-robed judge to mete out justice against the person who had stood us up. We dealt with our sorrow alone.

So back to Miss Mangrum who, I am sure, is quite lovely. Yet, according to Marlon, she suffers from a communication problem. The reason that her suit has

IT was in all the papers. A young woman in Palm Beach, Fla., named Tomontra Mangrum was stood up by her 17-year-old date who had promised to take her to the high school prom. Tomontra did what any jilted young woman would do — she filed a lawsuit to recoup the cost of her new shoes, her hairdo plus the flowers for her hair.

Wait, there is more... The defendant, Marlon Shadd, says that he had fractured his ankle and had informed Miss Mangrum a week before that he would not be able to take her to the dance.

It must be obvious to anyone reading this that the only way this dispute can be resolved is to turn it over to the lawyers.

Something about this story was familiar. My mind went back to my youth when the situation was very different from the one we have now. Those were the Roosevelt years when many more men than women were stood up. I can remember at least 10 — no, make it 12 — occasions when I arrived at a young woman's door only to be informed by her father that

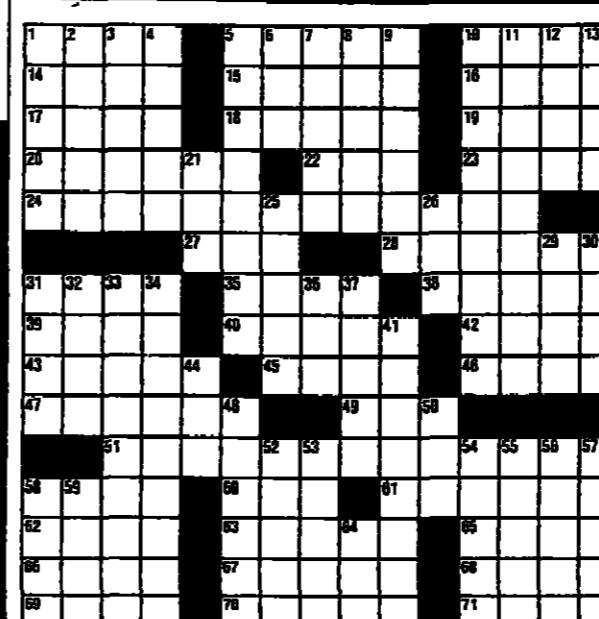
All over America teenagers are awaiting the outcome. The price of suing may be very high. The terrible thing is that if Miss Mangrum wins the \$50, she will never know if the boys who ask her out are inviting her for herself or because of her money.

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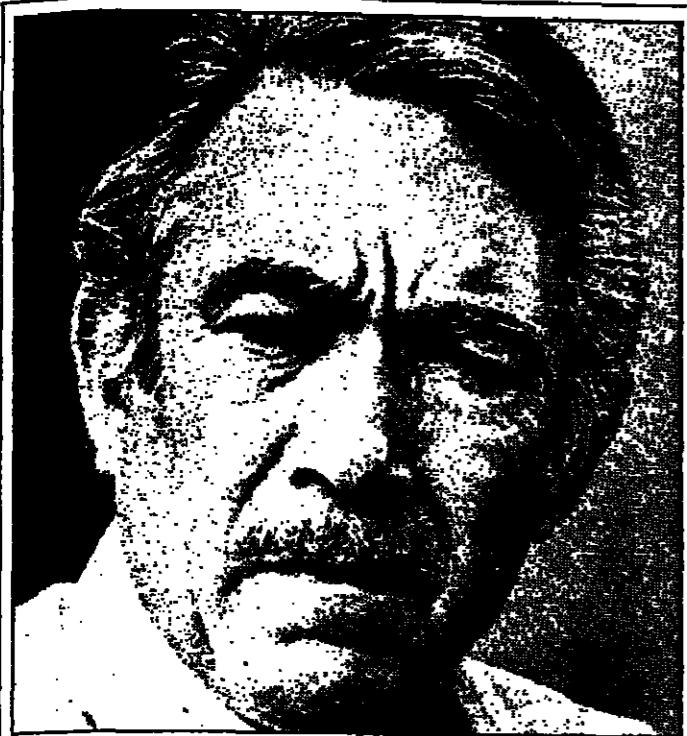
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74-year-old Anthony Quinn will play the role of the ancient fisherman, in a new version of 'The Old Man and The Sea.'

## Quinn takes on a new challenge

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD. (UPI): Anthony Quinn is off to the Caribbean to star in Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man And The Sea*, playing the ancient fisherman in the role that won an Oscar nomination for Spencer Tracy more than 30 years ago.

Although the 74-year-old Quinn is a grizzled veteran of more than 100 movies, he is as full of energy and vitality as ever, his teeth as white and his eyes dark and flashing with passion.

Not only is he tackling a role that Tracy played so brilliantly, Quinn recently completed a co-starring role in *Ghosts Can't Do It*, in which he plays some wild love scenes with Bo Derek.

He also has co-starred with Kevin Costner in *Revenge*, once again playing the lover of a young woman, actress Madeleine Stowe, who eventually leaves him for the youthful star.

At a time when most actors his age are playing sedate character roles or quietly contemplating a well-earned retirement, Quinn is excitedly planning new projects.

He soon will host a series of one-act plays for the Arts Entertainment company.

The barrel-chested half-Irish, half-Mexican star, grinning mightily, says he is fulfilling a 30-year fantasy by playing the old fisherman at last.

"I've lived with that Hemingway novel all this time, hoping someday I would play the fisherman," he said.

"It's a magnificent parable of a very old peasant who fulfills his life ambition of hooking the biggest marlin in the sea."

"To me, the story makes the most important statement of our times. It is also my statement: no matter how old you are, your heart and mind cannot be defeated if you so will it."

"The story has special meaning for me because I am trying to make an afterlife for myself as an actor and a painter, perhaps leaving a bouble or two worth looking at when I am gone."

Quinn is not concerned that anyone will make comparisons between his performance and Tracy's. After all, how many people who see the NBC-TV two-hour film in December will recall the old Tracy picture?

Celebrates his 75th birthday this year

## Sir Alec Guinness: curious genius

By Irving Wardle

AS in the night sky, so in the theatre, a star is a bright, supraterrrestrial being that is always there no matter what the changes in the surrounding atmosphere.

From Garrick to Gielgud, the point upon which all theatrical star-gazers agree is that everyone of these luminaries has a continuous personality, recognisable through any depth of grease-paint and costume padding.

But as soon as you lay down this law, you have to acknowledge the stunning exception of Sir Alec Guinness, an actor who has soared into the theatrical Olympus by the opposite process of disappearing into whatever he was playing. Less a star than a black hole.

Guinness, who celebrates his 75th birthday this year, belongs to the legendary generation who emerged from John Gielgud's companies in the 1930s. Among his contemporaries he was the least obviously cut out for the heroic stage. A slight, nondescript figure, his most conspicuous features are his prominent ears which, when Gielgud first met him, gave him the appearance of "a starved charity

child".

For such a child, who did not know who he was, the natural



Guinness as the mysterious professor Godwin in David Lean's film 'A Passage To India'

thing was to imagine all the people he might have been. In Guin-

ness's case, this was allied with the talent to make it happen.

He first proved this on the occasion of his debut in a school production of *Macbeth* in the tiny role of the messenger. He retreated to the far end of the playing fields and sprinted back so as to make his entrance in a state of actual physical collapse. Probably for the first time in the play's history, the messenger was greeted with a spontaneous burst of applause.

This ability to make something out of nothing was recognised by John Gielgud, who spotted Guinness in a drama school show to which he had escaped from an unhappy spell as an advertising copywriter. Gielgud offered him the roles of Osric and the Third Player in the 1934 New Theatre "Hamlet", and since then he has seldom been out of work.

### Recounts

Guinness recounts some of these early episodes in his 1985 memoir, *Blessings in Disguise*, but it is typical of that beautifully written book that it tells you far more about other people than about the author, who limits himself to the role of a sharp-eyed reporter of the outside per-

sonalities who have crossed his path.

As a writer no less than as an actor, Guinness leaves himself out of the picture. He tells you practically nothing of his reputation-building years in Gielgud's and Michel Saint-Denis' companies which launched him as a chameleon artist who specialised in the creation of dazzling miniatures.

Larger roles came his way when he moved to the Old Vic Theatre in 1936, but nothing in his pre-World War II career won more admiration than his performances as Romeo's Apothecary, Reynaldo, le Beau and the other parts he rescued from near invisibility. He disdained eye-catching make-up, and dismissed the post-war Old Vic as a "hotbed of false noses".

Transformation for Guinness was done from inside, combining piercing character analysis with theatrical magic, as where he mimed a physical task in Komissarjovsky's 1936 production of *The Seagull* and convinced the director he was pulling a real rope.

Guinness was not a whole-hearted disciple of Saint-Denis, though he took some classes at that guru's London Theatre Studio, and met his future wife, Merula Salaman, in Saint-Denis' 1935 production of *Noah* — she playing the Tiger, he "trotting on" as the Wolf.

At the outbreak of World War II, though, he joined forces with George Devine and his old teacher, Marita Hunt, to hold the Saint-Denis family together in a production of his own adaptation of *Great Expectations*.

This appeared at the Rudolf



The young Alec Guinness (right) in a 1936 Old Vic production of Hamlet with Robert Newton (left) and Laurence Olivier.

Steiner Hall when London's main theatres were dark, and it led to the 1947 film version, the beginning of a 40-year association with the director David Lean. This in turn, launched Guinness from his irrepressible career at Ealing Studios and Hollywood. Even in this, his own script, Guinness cast himself in the side-kick role of the hero's friend.

Besides continuing variations on the rope-trick — unrecognisably resurrected to be killed eight times by Denis Price in *Kind Hearts and Coronets* — his film work developed partly into fully humanised grotesques (like his Hitler in *The Man in the White Suit*).

As a film actor, Guinness outshone all his London contemporaries, Laurence Olivier included. What continued to elude him was any comparable success on the classical stage.

## FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

### PARENT ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUNGSTER'S QUESTIONS

QUESTION: I break out into a cold sweat every time my 4-year-old son starts wondering where babies come from. I don't think I know enough about teaching youngsters of his age about reproduction, yet feel there must be an answer both to his question and my problem. I wish you could take over for me. What do I do?

ANSWER: Be assured, there are many other parents in the same boat. The hardest part is overcoming your own doubts of inadequacy. You can manage quite well if you stay calm and follow a few important tips. Stay cool, stay accessible to your youngster and stay simple. Don't panic when such questions arise; listen carefully.

You may be making more out of the question than he intends. When you make it clear that you don't find such discussions difficult, you remain the first person to ask for such information, a position you don't ever want to abandon. Once the intent of the question is understood, answer both to his question and what can we expect?

ANSWER: This is an uncommon disease

that affects men twice as often as women. It usually begins with complaints of slowness of movement, imbalance, falling and impaired vision, and strikes in patients in the 60-70 age range. They find negotiating steps and curbs difficult and have problems in looking up or

down. It's this problem with vertical gaze that leads physicians to the diagnosis, since it's the distinguishing characteristic of the disease.

As the name indicates, the disease is progressive and leads to difficulty in moving and turning, an expressionless face, slurred and forced speech patterns. Though there are no specific laboratory tests available that help in making the diagnosis, the appearance of the patient and the slow progression of the clinical symptoms and signs leave little doubt of its presence. We know that it damages the nerves in the brain, but have no idea what causes this degeneration.

The disease progresses steadily over a six-to-eight-year period, and mental changes of apathy and dementia may occur late in the course of the affliction. Trials of treatment have left much to be desired, although three classes of medication — dopa-aminergic, anti-cholinergic or antiserotonergic drugs — have been reported to help some patients. I'm sorry I don't have more hopeful information to give you.

QUESTION: My father-in-law has been diagnosed as having "progressive supranuclear palsy" — a very frustrating and heart-breaking disease to watch in a once healthy and virile man. Although family members have searched for information on this disease, we haven't found any. What can you tell us, and what can we expect?

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SHARQ, behind the fire station single room, for 1-2 bachelors. Rent KD70, including water and electricity. Tel. 2-19327 between 1-4 pm and after 6:00 pm. (AT4-48001-3)

SALWA, house No. 196, Block 7, Street 4. Large room with water, electricity and tele facilities, for a family or bachelor. Rent KD 50. Tel. 5611241. (AT4-47982-3)

HAWALLI, near D. Naugur's Clinic. One independent room with tele facilities, for one or two bachelors. Rent KD 50. Tel. 2626316, after 5 pm. (AT4-47970-3)

SHARQ, 14, behind Al Kobar St, near 2nd bridge. Rent KD 50. Tel. 2438885, 6-9 pm. (AT4-47959-3)

KUWAIT CITY, Shadra fire brigade, 3rd floor. Room for a couple or spinster. Tel. 2439000 E. 2438885, 6-9 pm - 1 pm, 2407-5. (AT4-48016-2)

AL-QAIDIYAH, House No. 28, Hafez El Sayed. 2 rooms with water and electricity, for a family. Bus routes 18, 14, 37, 102. Contact persons 3 after 5 pm. (AT4-47981-3)

KUWAIT CITY, behind the Muthedha Concourse, Shuaikh Miami Restaurant, Al-Sayer Bldg, Flat No 3, 3rd floor. Spacious room for 2 or 3 persons from July 1. Contact personally. (AT4-48028-2)

## FOR SALE

### Boats

LAMASAT Mercury Cruiser 25ft. 185 SHP English made, 2 in board engines located in Basement Al Qar Sea Club for further information. Tel. Jassim, 5722023.

(AT4-47997-3)

### Computers

AMSTRAD PC1512 XT compatible, 640K ram, monochrome monitor, 5 1/4 inch floppy, 30MB hard disk, printer, mouse, Arabic card, software. Owner leaving Kuwait. KD. 380. Tel. Steve, 3716571. (AT4-48006-3)

### Cars

NISSAN Mercury Cruiser 25ft. 185 SHP English made, 2 in board engines located in Basement Al Qar Sea Club for further information. Tel. Jassim, 5722023.

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MITSUBISHI Lancer, 1984 model, manual AC, Radio, cassette, lady driven. Owner leaving Kuwait in good condition. KD475 cash. Tel. 5718456. (AT4-48023-3)

OPEL Senator CD3.Oi, reg. Dec '87, (German car), AC, fully automatic, 15,000 kms. Only one lady owner, in excellent condition. KD1,700 cash. KD173 by 9 instalments. Tel. 3717857 after 4 pm. (AT4-47959-3)

HYUNDAI Stellar Prima, 1988 model, fully automatic, 14,000 kms, excellent condition. KD2,400. Tel. Mr. Abraham, 4837596, after 5 pm or anytime Thursday and Friday. (AT4-47887-2)

MERCEDES 280 SEL, 1984, automatic, full options, white, dark blue interior, 68,000 kms, in good condition. KD 5,000. Tel. 5618816. (AT4-48003-3)

MITSUBISHI Galant, 1985, automatic, low mileage, lady owner. KD1,250 o.n.o. Tel. 5618244. (AT4-47983-3)

OLDSMOBILE 98 Regency 1981, white with red interior, automatic, AC, 138,000 kms, in excellent condition, no accident. Single owner. KD. 1,500. Tel. 5639688, 5717839 after 5 pm. (AT4-48017-2)

HONDA Prelude 1984, dark blue, AC sunroof, manual megaphone, 46,000 kms. Insured up to March 1990. One owner, KD1,100 cash or instalments. Tel. 2401908. (AT4-47989-3)

COLT, '86 model, white, manual, AC, 60,000 kms. Best offer. Tel. 5644850. (AT4-47968-2)

CHEVROLET Impala 1978, registered upto May 1990 in good working condition. KD 850. cash. Tel. 5641839. (AT4-47995-2)

PORSCHE 944, 1983 model, red in good condition, KD 3,700. Tel. Mr Bo Nilsson 5749248 after 4 pm. (AT4-47996-3)

MERCEDES Benz 280 SE 1981, fully automatic, grey, well-maintained in excellent condition. KD 2,700 cash. Tel. 5748024. (AT4-48001-2)

TOYOTA Cressida 1982, AC, gear-automatic, light blue, in perfect condition. Single owner. KD 950. Tel. 2644170, 4845863. (AT4-47976-3)

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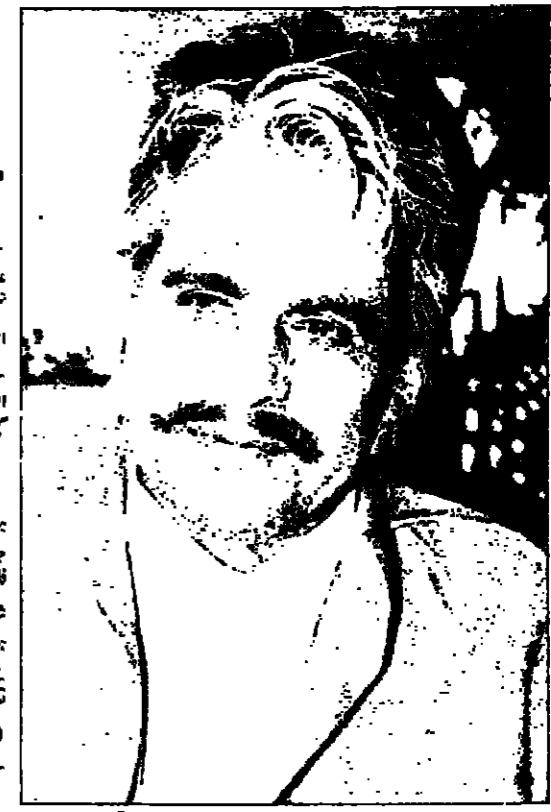
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## SPORTS

BASEBALL  
ROUNDUP**Red Sox  
outplay  
Rangers**

NEW YORK, June 21. (AP): Nolan Ryan allowed four hits and struck out six in seven innings, and Mike Greenwell hit a two-run double in the ninth as Boston Red Sox rallied in the eighth inning last night to beat the Texas Rangers 6-3.

After throwing 115 pitches, Ryan left with a 3-0 lead.

"He did a great job, but he said he had had enough," Texas manager Bobby Valentine said. "A shutout for seven innings, you can't ask for anything more than that. He knew what he had to do and the other guys knew what they had to do."

"We didn't do anything against Nolan, then we looked out there and suddenly he was gone," Nick Esassy said.

Kenny Rogers and Jeff Russell, 3-2, allowed four hits in the eighth and errors by second baseman Julio Franco and shortstop Scott Fletcher led to an unearned run.

Mike Boddicker, 4-6, won for the second time in nine starts since May 3, giving up nine hits. Lee Smith finished for his eighth save.

Athletics 6, Tigers 4  
Oakland snapped a season-long foul-game losing streak as pinch-hitter Terry Steinbach's Homer broke a sixth-inning tie.

Twins 7, Indians 4  
Jim Dwyer had his first four-hit game in three years and Minnesota had 13 hits off four Cleveland pitchers.

White Sox 13, Yankees 6  
Dan Pasqua and Harold Baines hit three-run homers and drove in four runs, and 40-year-old Jerry Reuss won his fifth straight decision as Chicago had season highs in hits and runs.

Royals 8, Brewers 2  
Bo Jackson hit his 17th homer of the season in a six-run 11th inning, tying Baltimore's Mickey Littleton for the AL lead. Tom Gordon, 9-2, gave up the tying run in the eighth and then pitched three scoreless innings.

Blue Jays 6, Angels 2  
Tony Fernandez homered twice in the first two innings and Jimmy Key allowed four hits in even innings.

Orioles 8, Mariners 6  
Mike Devereaux drove in three runs as Baltimore overcame a 5-0 first-inning deficit and won its fifth straight. Rookie reliever Mickey Weston, 1-0, got his first Major-League victory.

Padres 2, Dodgers 0  
Bruce Hurst pitched a six-hitter for his first National League hitout as San Diego beat Los Angeles.

Expos 8, Mets 5  
Tim Raines tied the game with a two-run single in the eighth inning and then won it with a wo-run single in the ninth as Montreal overcame a five-run deficit and rallied past New York. Tim Burke, 5-1, got the victory.

**Results**

American League		National League	
Oakland	6	Detroit Tigers	4
Chicago W.S.	13	New York Y	6
Boston	6	Texas	3
Minnesota	7	Cleveland	6
Kansas City	5	Milwaukee	2
Baltimore	8	St. Louis	6
Toronto	6	California	2
National League			
1st St. Louis	6	Philadelphia	4
2nd St. Louis	5	Philadelphia	3
Montreal	8	New York	5
Chicago	5	Pittsburgh P.A.	11
San Diego	2	Los Angeles	0
San Francisco	4	Houston	0
Cincinnati	0	Atlanta	postponed

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## SPORTS

## Yugoslavs outclass Greeks in opener

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, June 21, (Reuter): Yugoslavia crushed reigning champions Greece 103-68 (halftime 49-35) on the opening day of the men's European Basketball Championship yesterday.

It was sweet revenge for the Yugoslavs, three-times former European champions who lost to Greece in the semifinals of the championship two years ago in Athens.

Led by their \$2 million playmaker Drazen Petrovic, who plays with Real Madrid, Yugoslavia took the lead in the sixth minute of the match and maintained the pressure throughout.

Petrovic, who scored 35 points, inspired his team-mates in both attack and defence and Greece appeared too bewildered by Yugoslavia's pace to create any serious challenge.

Only 32-year-old playmaker Nikos Galis, at 1.83 metres the shortest man in the match, showed any real attacking form as he scored 30 of Greece's points.

Olympic champions the Soviet Union, tournament favourites and 14 times European champions, almost threw away what looked a certain win over Italy yesterday.

They led by 20 points at half-time but then the Italians, thanks to Canto's winger Antonello Riva who scored 31 points, closed the gap to only two points with two minutes to go.

But then the Soviet Union's 2.22-metre tall centre Arvidas Sabonis rebounded twice in a row with Italians attacking and their other centre Alexander Volkov scored a free-throw to secure his team's 87-84 win.

Today's game:

Soviet Union beat Netherlands 109-56 (halftime 46-32). Scorers: Soviet Union — Chundas Vetrta 14, Titt Sokk 14, Valdemars Khorochius 13, Sharunas Marchionius 12, Viktor Bereznik 12, Arvidas Sabonis 11, Valeri Goborov 10, Rimas Kurtinaitis 6, Valeri Tikhonko 3, Eichat Gadachev 2, Netherlands — Richard van Polgeest 14, Jos Kuipers 10, Raymond Botse 9, Peter Dam 8, Okke Te Veldt 8, Paul Vrind 4, Cees van Rootselaar 2.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Cup qualifier

COPENHAGEN, June 21, (Reuter): Tickets for Denmark's World Cup soccer qualifier against Romania have been sold out almost four months before the European Group One tie in Copenhagen. Danish Football Union (DBU) information officer Fritz Ahlstrom said.

## New post

LONDON, June 21, (AP): Bill Babcock, a Minnesota lawyer who became the No. 2 official in men's tennis, was named yesterday to the new post of tournament administrator by the International Tennis Federation.

## Soviet star

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, June 21, (AP): Soviet national team star Charissa Marchenkos said yesterday "certain" to play for the Golden State Warriors in the National Basketball Association next season.

## Cycling race

BELLINZONA, Switzerland, June 21, (AP): Andreas Kappes of West Germany surged ahead at the finish to win a fast eighth leg of the tour of Switzerland road cycling race. Switzerland's Beat Breu retained the yellow jersey of overall leader.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Westminster System-17 bridge game held on Sunday:

N/S  
1. Shariq & Saeed El Saad and Sherif Bayoumi  
2. Adly Tiab & Ahmed Hneidi  
E/W  
1. Mohammed Merchant & J. Gajjar  
2. Jaye Sapre & Ravi Bhatty  
3. Dr. Oskay & Amr Abedin

Westminster System-17 will hold its End of the Season tournament with a marathon on Friday, June 30, at 3:00 pm at the Regency Palace Hotel.

Results of the Sheraton Bridge Club's game held on Tuesday:

N/S  
1. Tiab & Hneidi  
2. Aurora & Merchant  
3. Meouchi & Zanazani  
E/W  
1. Dr. Oskay & Shanti  
2. Latafa & Sherif  
3. Salman Ali & Carsten

## Barnard to leave Ferrari racing team

MARANELLO, Italy, June 21, (Reuter): British designer John Barnard will leave Ferrari at the end of his current contract, the Italian Formula One motor racing team announced today.

In a brief statement ending months of speculation about the designer's future, the team said ways to continue the partnership were discussed at a meeting between Barnard,

Ferrari president Piero Fusaro and team manager Cesare Fiorio.

"No agreement was found on any of them," the statement said. It said Barnard had agreed to stay with the team until the end of his contract, which expires on Oct 30.

No successor was named.

Ferrari announced two weeks ago that British driver Nigel Mansell would stay with the team for a second season next year but it

has yet to reveal the future of its other driver, Austrian Gerhard Berger, who is widely reported to be considering leaving.

Barnard helped McLaren to three successive world drivers' titles before Ferrari hired him in 1986 to breathe new life into their legendary flame red racing cars.

But their only success so far this year was Mansell's win in the season-opening Grand Prix in Brazil on March 26.

## Navratilova sails through

### Evert drops out of tourney



Martina Navratilova

EASTBOURNE, England, June 21, (Reuter): Top seed Martina Navratilova was given an easy ride into the quarterfinals of the Eastbourne women's grass court tournament today when her opponent Larisa Savchenko all but gave up the fight.

Navratilova beat the 12th-seeded Soviet woman, her doubles partner here, 6-3 6-0, dropping only 10 points in the second set as Savchenko, who had led briefly at the start of the match but then sustained a slight injury, stopped even trying.

Italian Raffaella Reggi, the 14th seed, had an even less taxing day.

She was given a walkover when her scheduled third-round opponent Chris Evert pulled out of the \$300,000 tournament because of an ear infection which upset her balance. Evert's Wimbledon appearance is now in doubt.

Evert's withdrawal was followed by the departure of two other leading seeds, Zina Garrison and Czechoslovak Helena Sukova, leaving Navratilova and American teenager Mary-Joe Fernandez — quarterfinal opponents — the only survivors from the top 12 here.

Savchenko, who beat Navratilova the last time they

only four more points in the set — one of them on a double fault by Navratilova.

"I knew she had hurt her leg," said Navratilova. "I saw her limp to a ball. It is hard to play against somebody like that because you think that if they are really hurt they should stop playing."

Savchenko said she had felt a pain in her left hamstring but decided to play on anyway.

"I felt I had already lost the match because if you are not in good physical form against Martina you can never win the match," Savchenko said. "But I didn't consider stopping. Afterwards I just played for fun."

Third seed Garrison was knocked out 4-6 6-4 9-7 by unseeded Japanese Etsuko Inoue, a determined, attacking player recording the best win of her career.

"I was so nervous," said Inoue, who was also a quarterfinalist here in 1985 when she was beaten by Navratilova.

"I couldn't get my first serve and then at 5-5 in the third I just thought 'play aggressively and it doesn't matter if the first serve is in or out.'

Garrison was on the receiving end of some umpiring problems. In the second set the American stopped playing when a line judge began to shout 'fault' and

changed her mind in mid-cry.

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